

**On The Origins of Species by Charles Darwin: Day 1**

Please answer the following questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES. Provide evidence from the text to support your answers. Also, please leave several blank lines between the questions.

1. What does the author mean by the word “craft” on line 1.4? How is this different from how you’ve heard the word used before?
2. What does the author mean by “fleetest prey”?
3. Why must the author beg permission to give illustrations in line 1.2?
4. Who is Darwin begging permission from?
5. What is significant about the phrase “and so be preserved on selected” on line 1.9.
6. Where in the text does Darwin describe man’s influence over other species?
7. What term would a biologist use to describe this influence?
8. What does the author mean by methodical?
  - a. What other words could the author use here?
  - b. Why do you think the author chose the word he did?
9. According to Darwin, what does unconscious selection mean? How does this contrast with methodical selection?

**On The Origins of Species by Charles Darwin: Day 2**

Please answer the following questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES. Provide evidence from the text to support your answers. Also, please leave several blank lines between the questions.

1. Paraphrase the first sentence in the second paragraph in your own words.
2. Give at least one example that the author uses to describe innate tendencies’ in lines 2.4-2.7.
  - a. Does the author mean the same thing when he says “innate tendencies” and “natural tendencies”?
3. In line 2.3 the author uses the phrase, “Nor can this be thought very improbably”. What does the language structure imply about when this text was written? Cite other examples from the text that give the reader evidence as to when the text was written.
4. What does Darwin mean by “the repetition of this process” in line 2.9? What process is the author referring to in your own words?
5. Using clues provided in the text what does supplant mean in line 2.10? What word or phrases gave you a clue to its meaning?
6. Fitness is any trait that increases the likelihood that an organism will survive and reproduce. Cite at least 2 examples from the text that illustrate this concept.
7. The tone of this piece is persuasive. Who is the intended audience? Cite specific words and phrases that indicate Darwin is trying to sway the readers’ opinion.