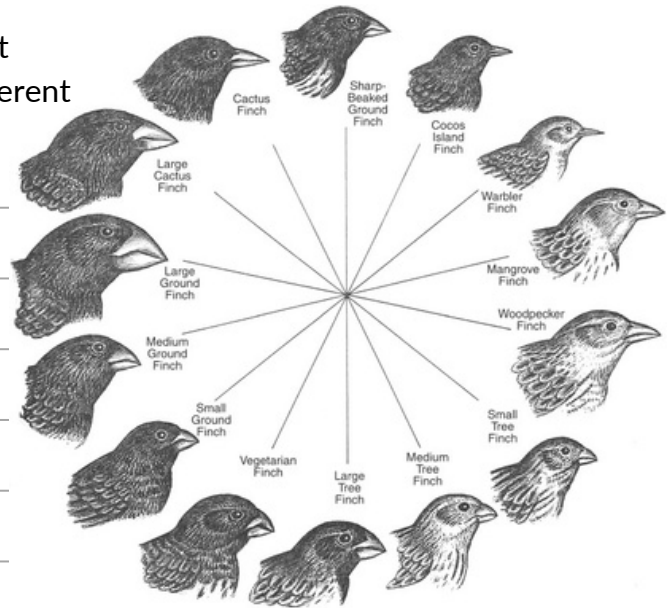




Let's Go to the Galápagos!

1. Charles Darwin noticed that the finches on different islands in the Galápagos were very similar, but had different diets and beaks. Why was that important?



2. Why do you think Charles Darwin didn't do well at school? Explain.

3. Do you think Charles's father treated him well? Explain why, or why not.

CHARLES DARWIN'S EARLY YEARS



- Charles collected birds' eggs, sea shells, beetles, moths, and more.
- He spent hours watching birds and reading.
- At school, he didn't do very well.
- His father wanted him to become a doctor. When he didn't work hard at it, his father said he should become a priest.
- Charles took some courses in geology and natural history, and was asked to go along on a trip to South America. His father didn't approve, but another family member talked him into it.

4. Go to the library; use the links in your episode notes; or find other websites (with an adult's permission) to draw a line from the bird's name to its picture.

Galapagos finch

Frigatebird

Waved albatross

Flightless cormorant

Blue-footed booby



5. Choose any animal or plant unique to the Galápagos, and prepare an animal fact file! (Draw your animal on the left.)



ANIMAL FACT FILE

Name: _____

Physical characteristics: _____

Diet: _____

Adaptations to its environment: _____

Fun facts: _____
