

THE VOYAGE OF THE BEAGLE

Purpose

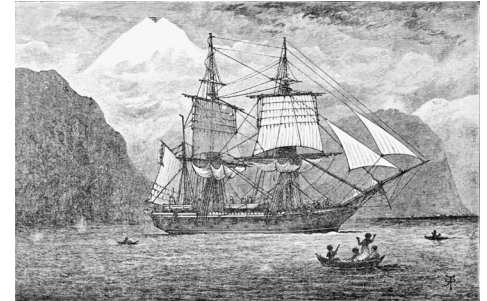
Charles Darwin's work was critical to the development of evolutionary thinking, and his claims about how species change over time were fueled by his experiences as a young man on a research ship called the *HMS Beagle*. In this activity, you'll learn how to interpret images and maps in order to extract information about Darwin's trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Process

Look at material in the *Voyage of the Beagle Gallery* and answer a few questions.

First, examine the images and read the captions of these slides: *Route of the HMS Beagle*, *Charles Darwin*, *Tierra del Fuego*, and *Galapagos Islands*.

- What information do these images provide about the voyage Darwin made and the kinds of ecosystems he explored?



HMS Beagle in the Straits of Magellan
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Now, look at the images and read the captions of *Ancient Animals of Argentina* and the *Galapagos Finches* to answer these questions:

- Why might someone in Darwin's time be surprised to find fossils of extinct animals?
- How did Darwin explain the fact that there were different types of finches, with different beaks, on each of the islands of the Galapagos?

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