

Natural Selection

A Graphic Organizer

Artificial Selection

Same idea as
natural selection
* chosen traits
survive

Inherited Variation

differences
passed down from
parent to offspring
→ Farmers used the
variation

Key ideas that led to Darwin's Theory

Natural Selection Explains How Evolution Can Occur.

Natural Selection is:

Results in a change of
inherited characteristics
of a population. These
changes reflect an
increase in fitness

Struggle for Existence:

Organisms struggle
for:
• food
• living space
• escaping predators
• passing on their
genes

Survival of the Fittest:

- those with
best adaptations
will survive &
pass their
genetic information
down

Descent with Modification:

- mutations

- gene shuffling
* you are not an
exact copy of your
parents or siblings