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## Regenerative Medicine Partnership in Education

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# Outline

Introduction:

Considering your Audience

What else to consider

Getting started

What to watch out for

Do experiments

How to pay for it

## Introduction:

Reconciling your needs as the scientist/educator.

balance --

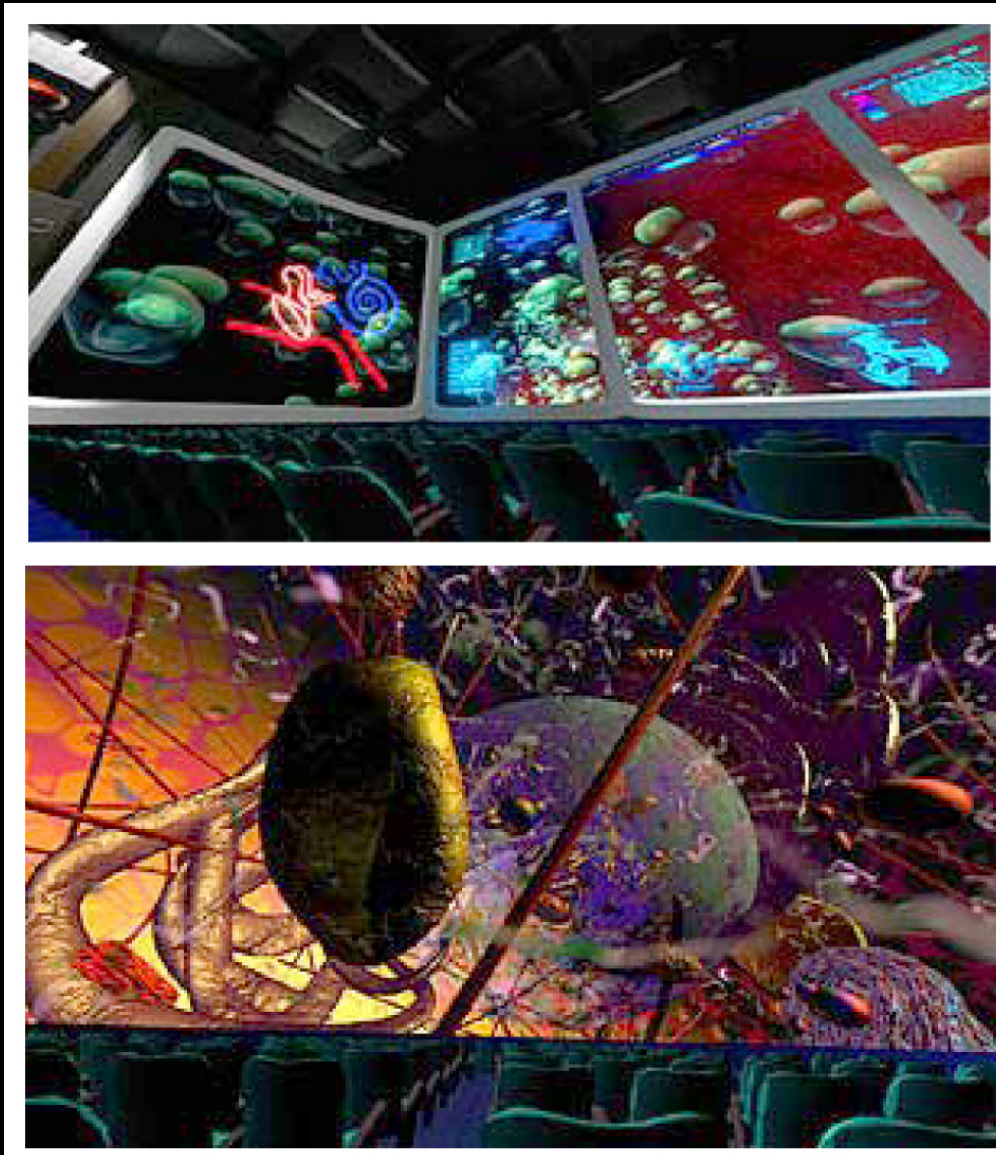
‘Two Cultures’ - C. P. Snow

&

‘Scholarship of Integration’ - Ernest Boyer



# A classroom of the future?



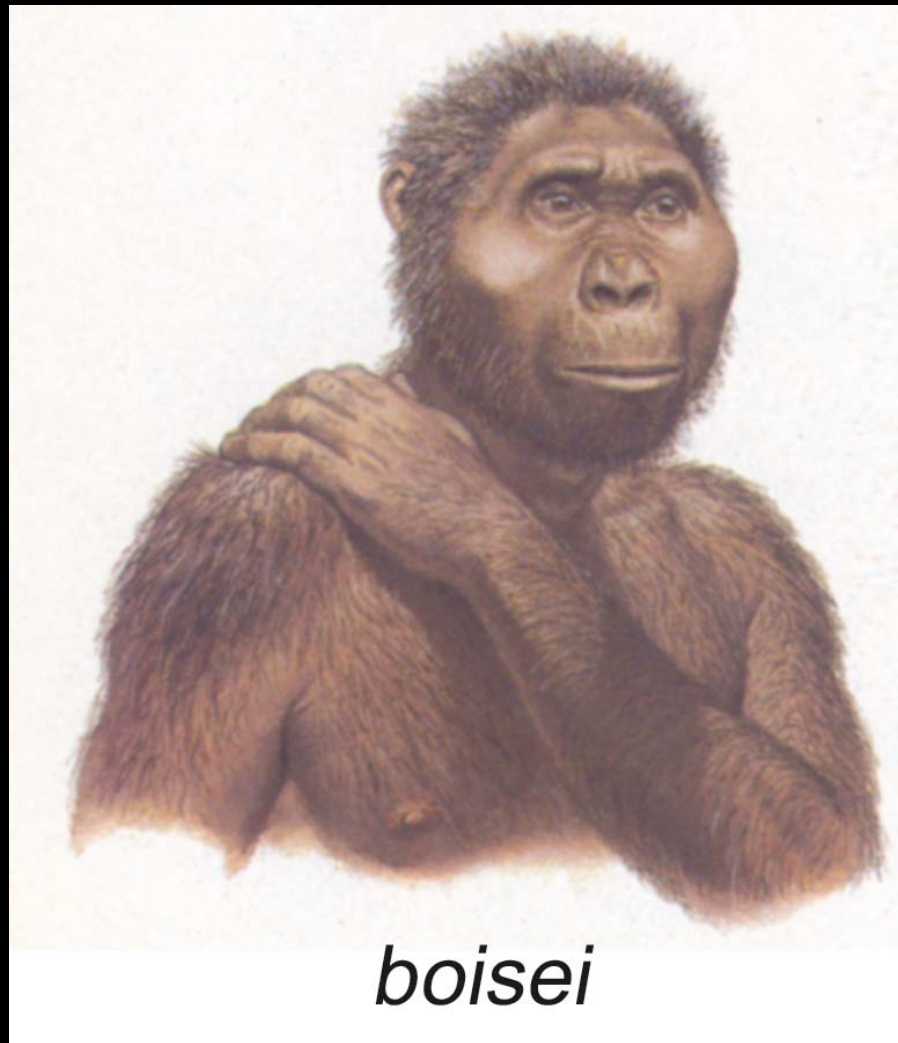
## Considering your Audience:

- bringing more than the text to your students
- recognizing that many of your students are outside the classroom

A little history.



4 million years ago



*boisei*

Image - Scientific American

2 1/2 - 1 million years ago

Large jaw for vegetarian diet.

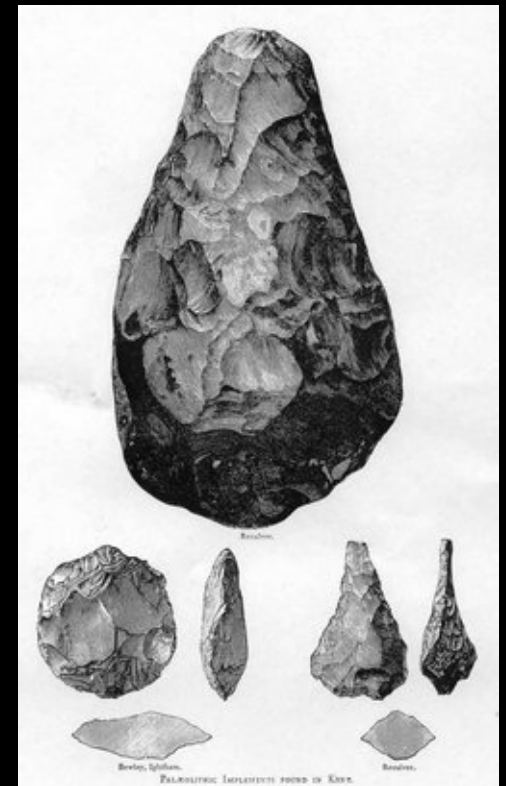


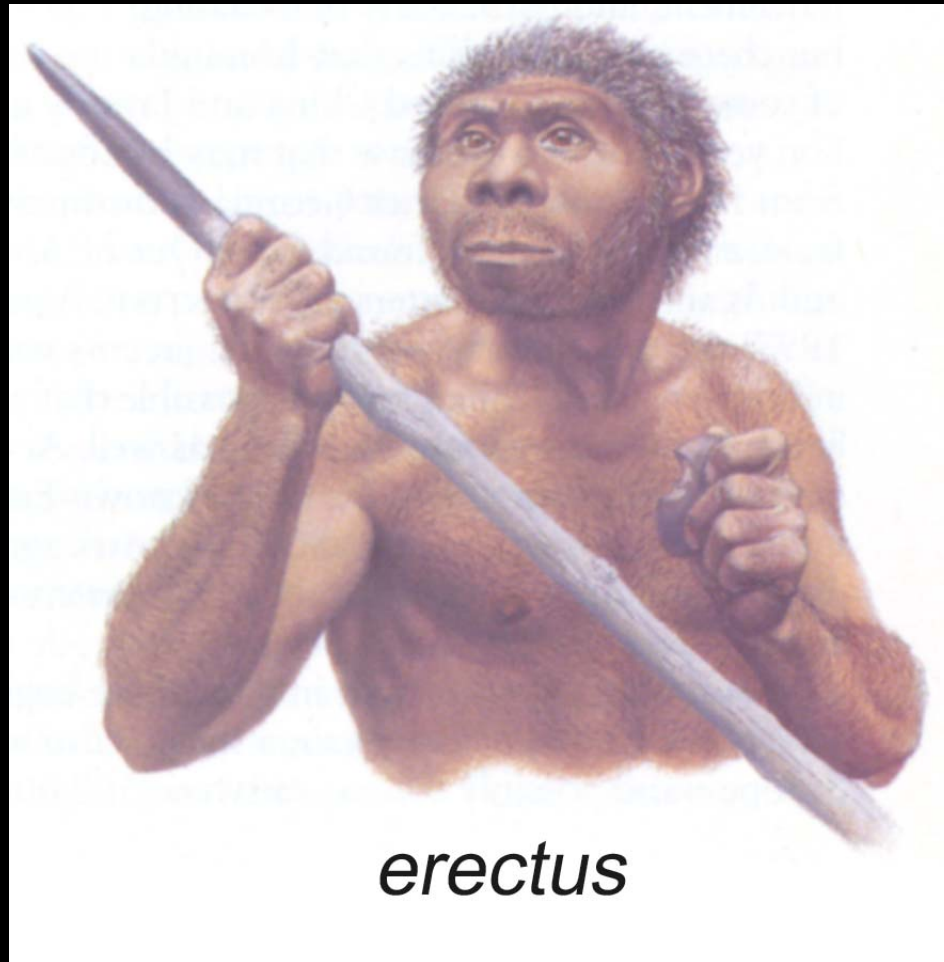
# Simple Stone Tools



2 1/2 million years ago

1 1/2 million years ago

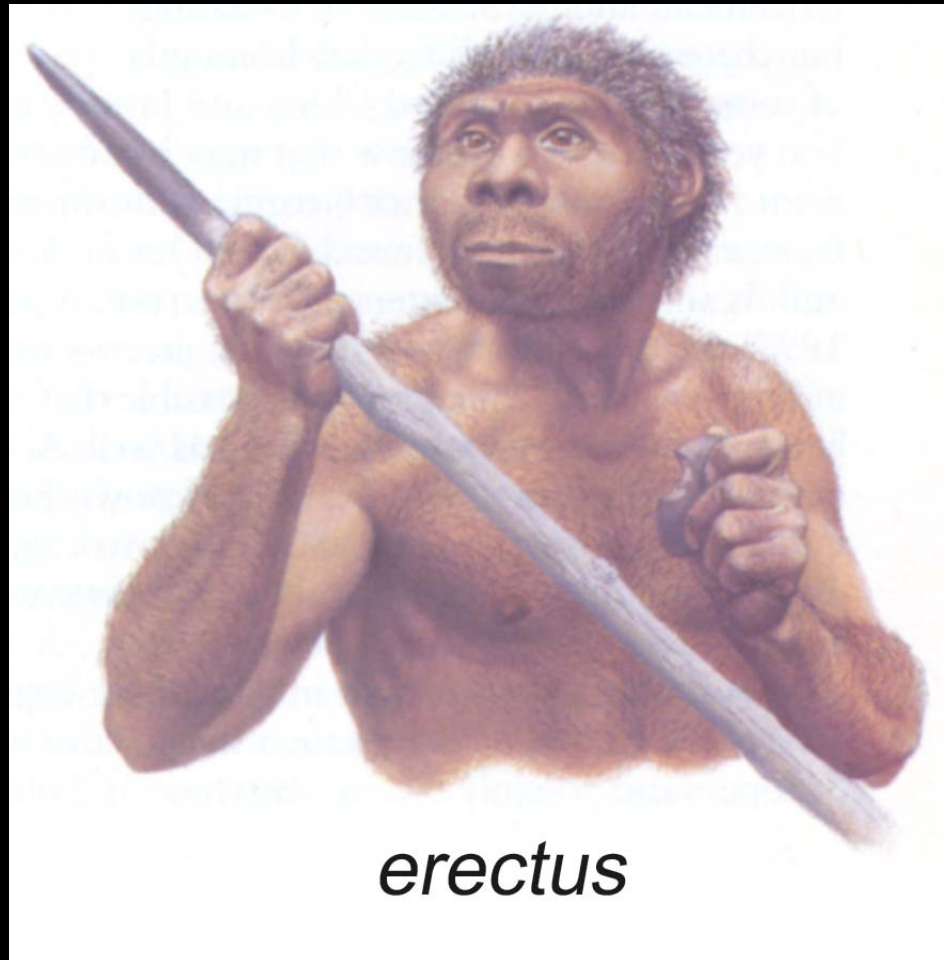




*erectus*

Image - Scientific American

1 1/2 million years



*erectus*

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1 1/2 million years

Better tools and ...

# Control fire!

1 million years ago



Control fire!  
And story telling.

1 million years ago





- A point to be made ...
  - Humans love a good story.
  - Humans have been telling stories and listening for a million years.

So what's next...







- 5,000 to 6,000 years ago an age of invention
  - Wheel & plow in Mesopotamia
  - Sail in Egypt
  - Written language



Tartaria tablets - Romania 6,500 years ago



Beer recipe  
6,000 years

# More great writing...

- Rene' Descartes (1596-1650)

*Discourse on the Method* published 1637

- Establishes the framework for the  
“scientific method.”

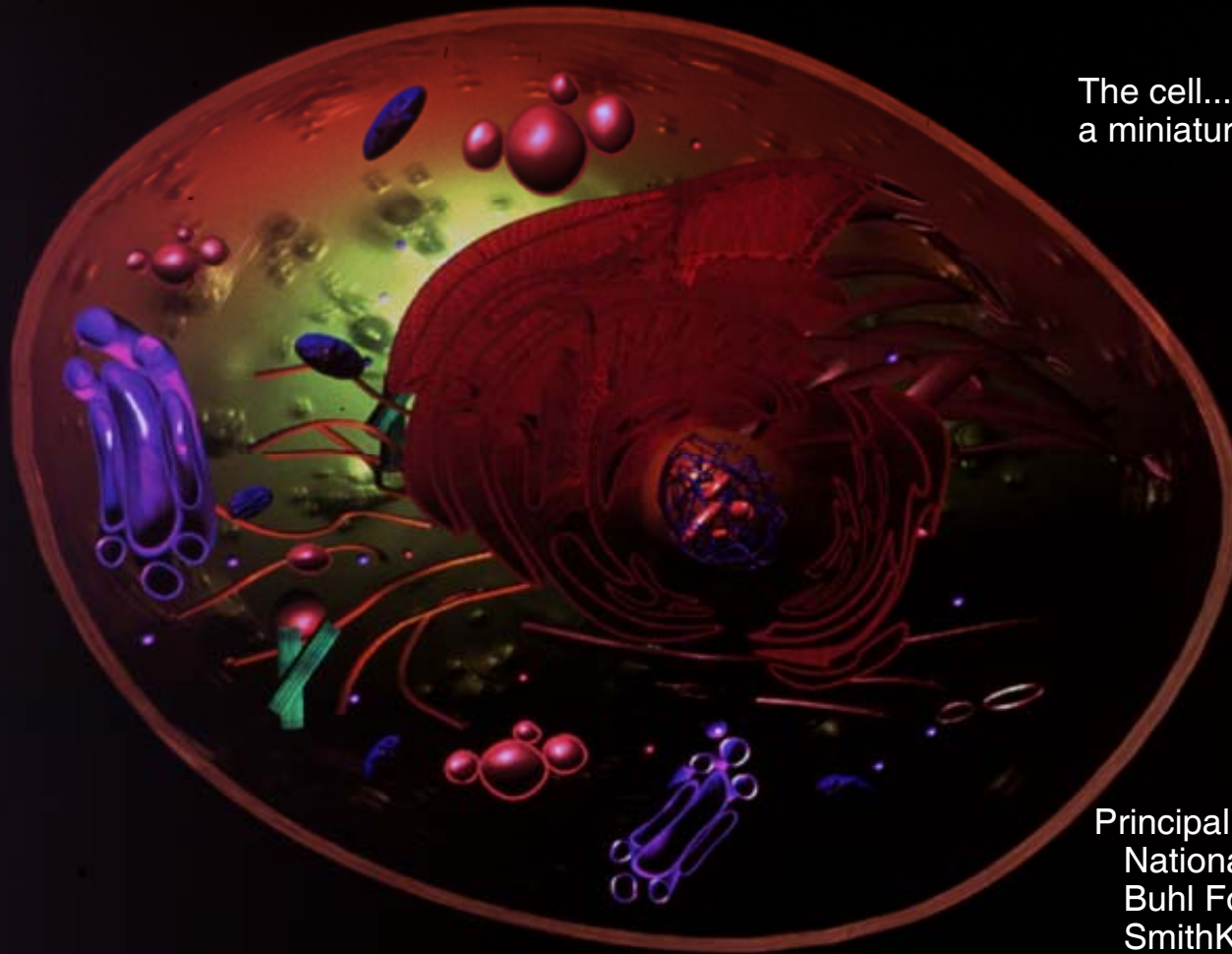
Isaac Newton (1643-1728) helped by specifying the scientific method.



- One more point to be made now...
  - Science as we know it is about 400-500 years old.
  - So, what are our brains wired to do...  
Tell Stories... with full-dome video.

# JOURNEY INTO THE LIVING CELL

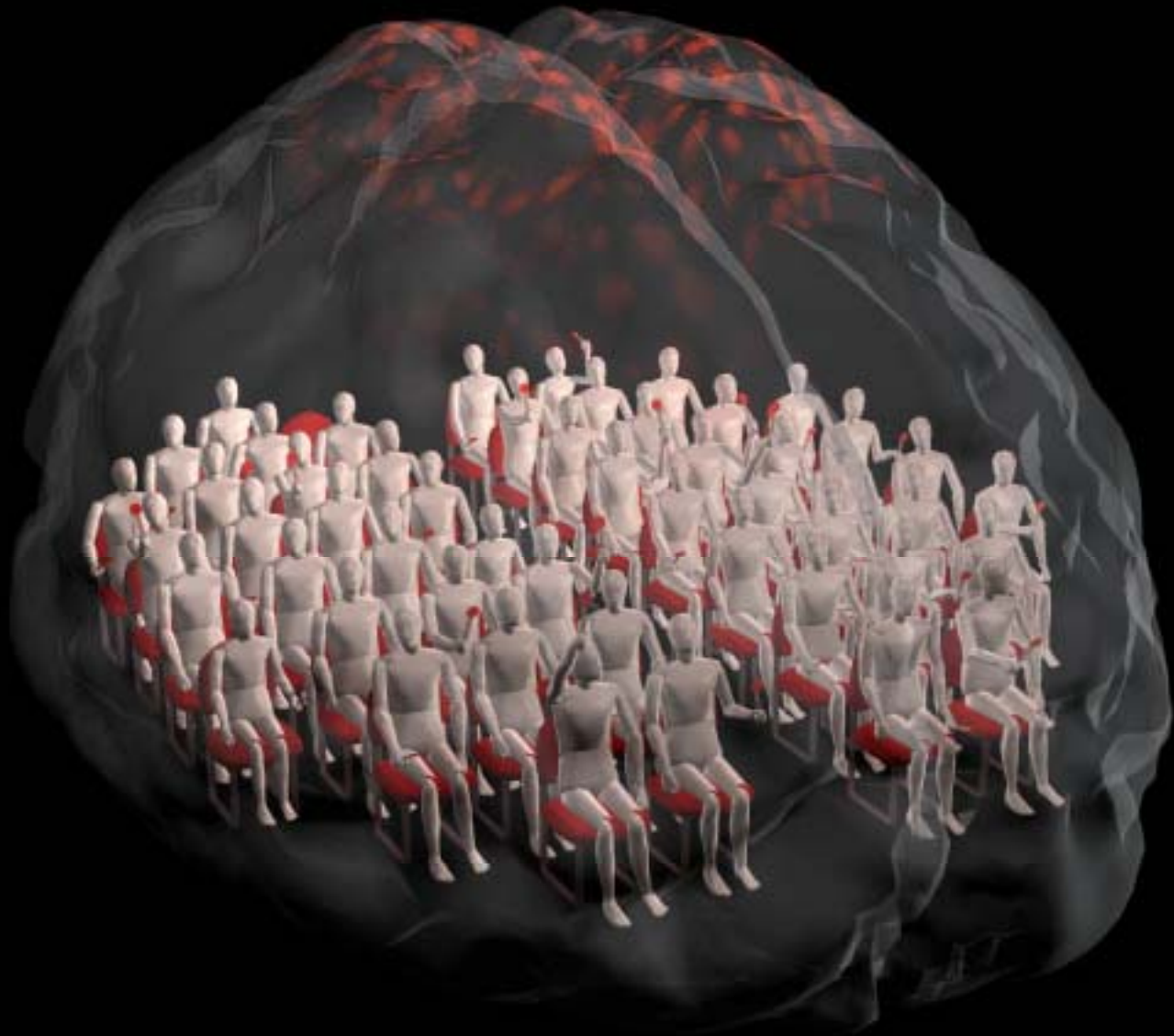
The Carnegie Science Center Henry Buhl, Jr. Planetarium and Observatory



The cell...  
a miniature city

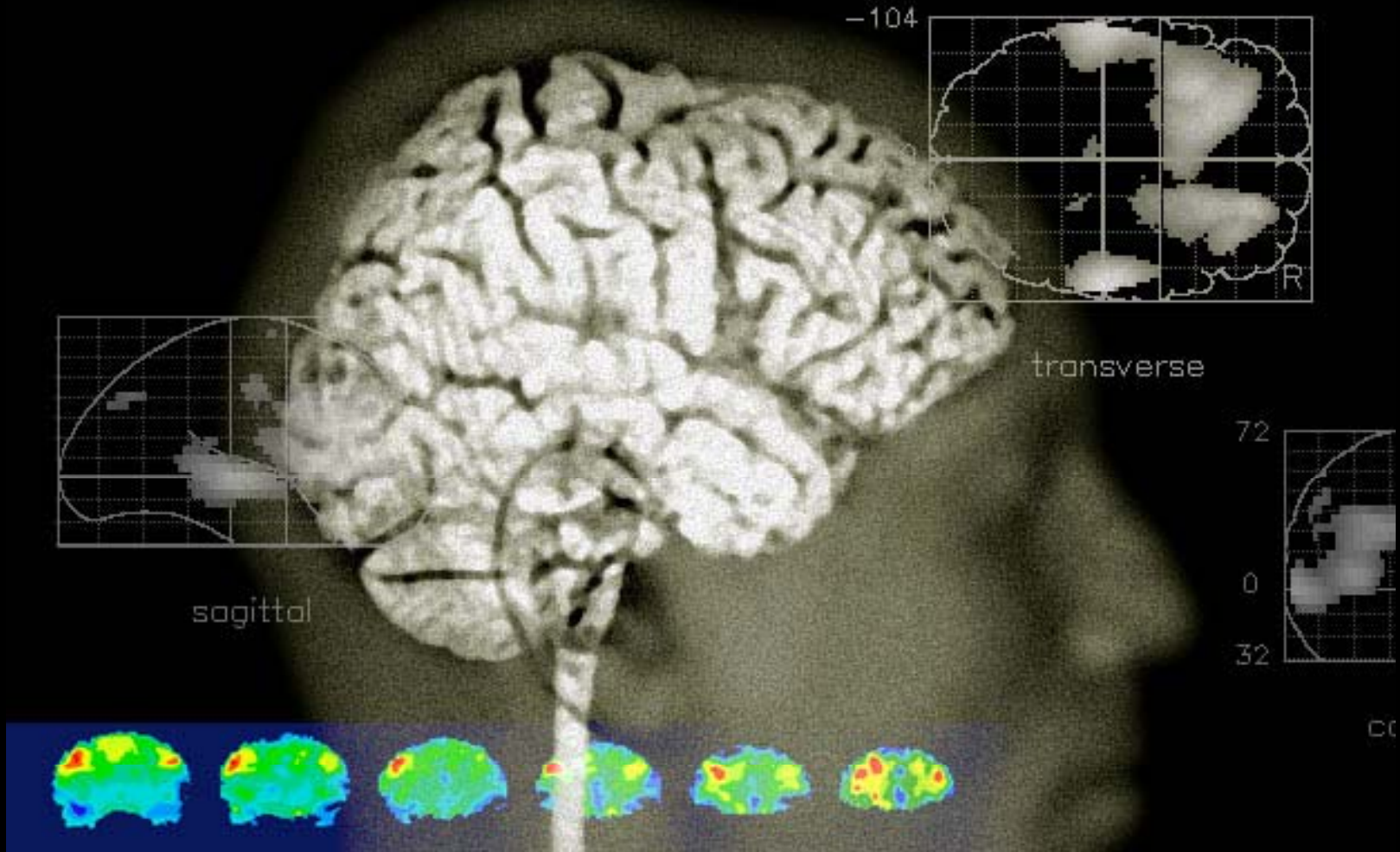
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# *Gray Matters: The Brain Movie*

an audience interactive planetarium show



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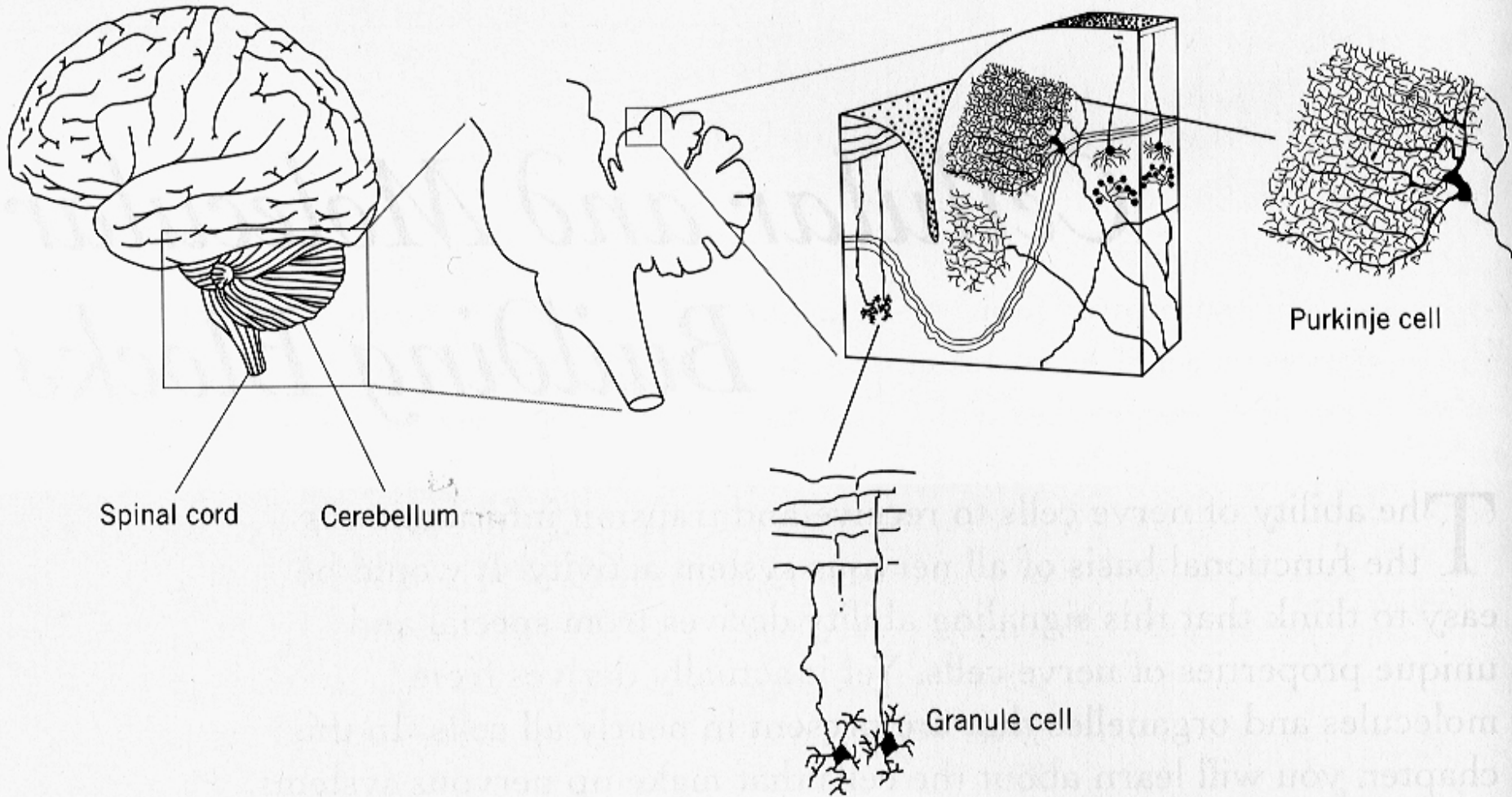
## What else to consider:

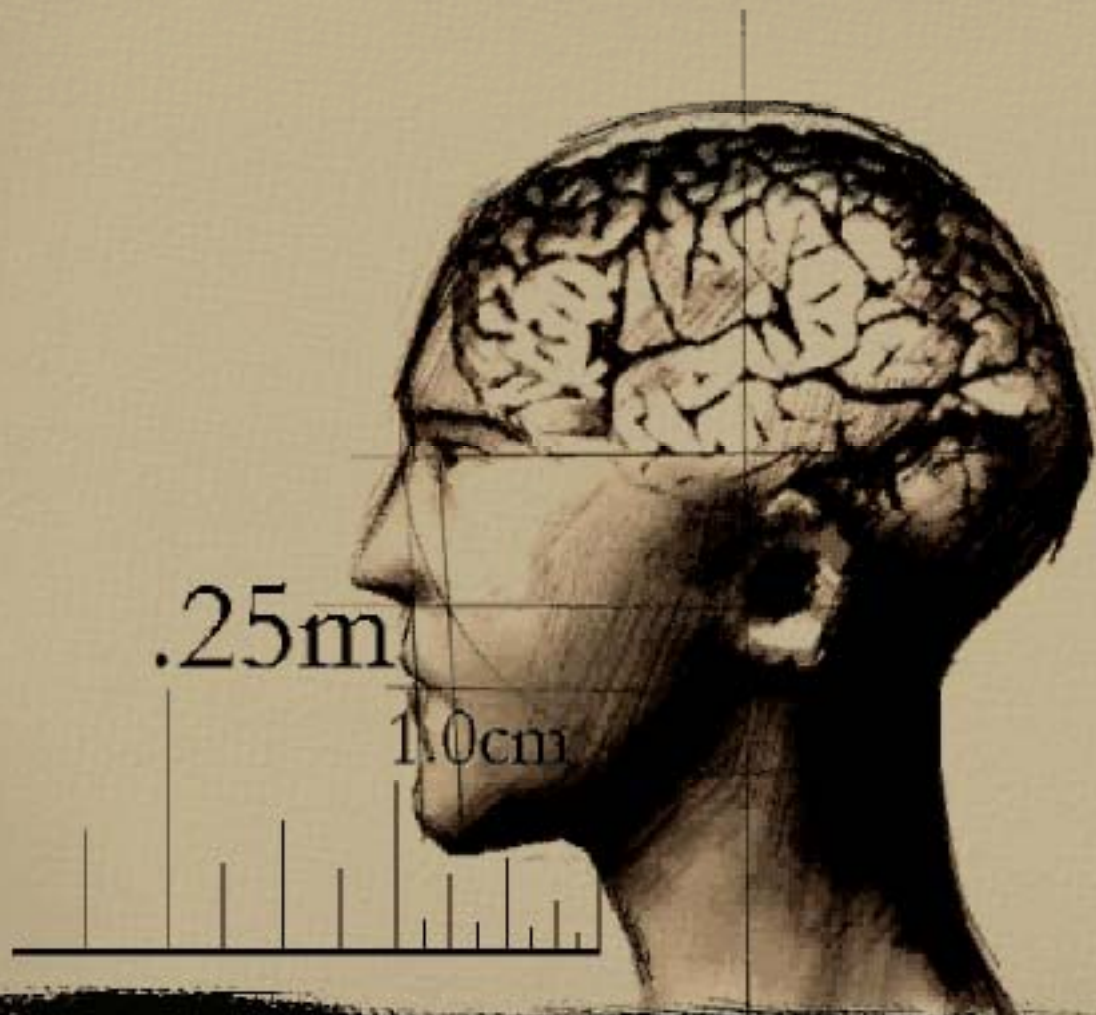
- More about your audience
  - who is really going to see this
- Why is it important that they see it
- Talk to your audience
- Show your work
- Be prepared to revise your work



What our audiences have told us...

# How Big Are Things

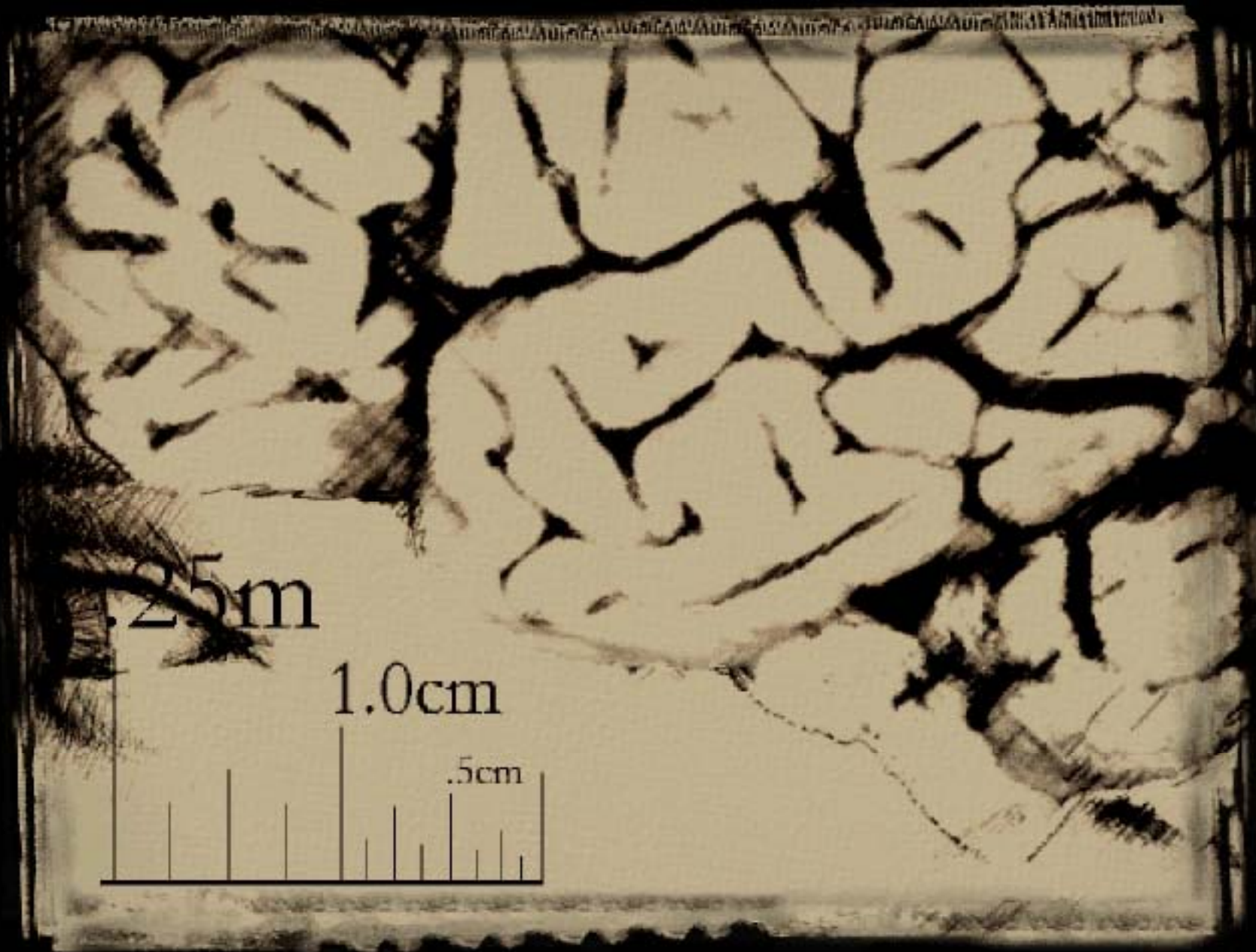




.25m

1.0cm






0.25m

1.0cm

.5cm



.25cm

1.0mm

.5mm

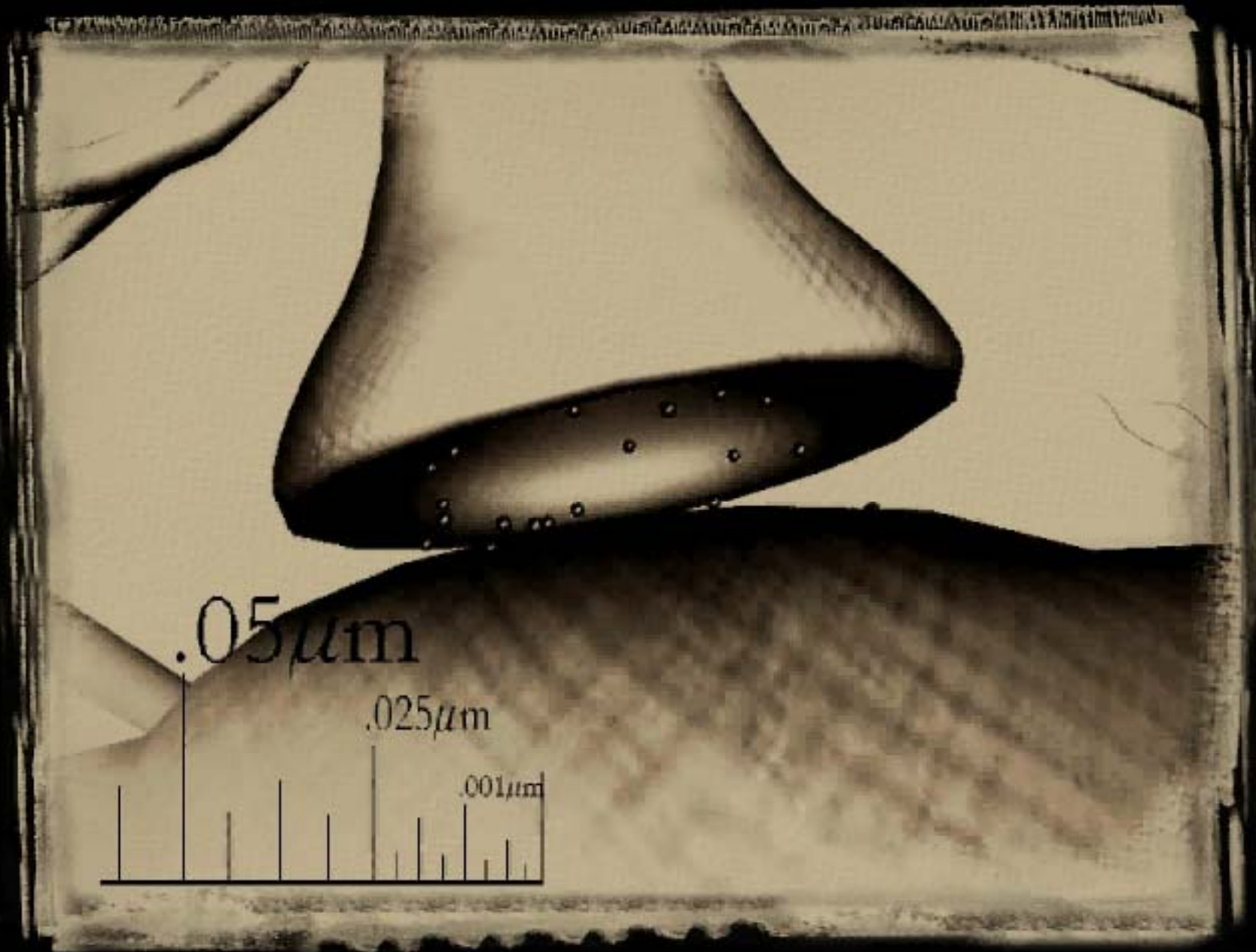




25mm

1.0 μm

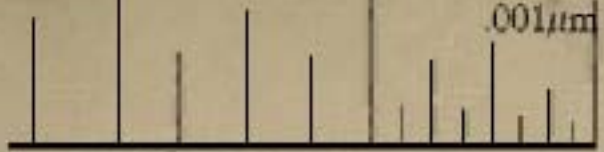
5 μm



.05  $\mu\text{m}$

.025  $\mu\text{m}$

.001  $\mu\text{m}$

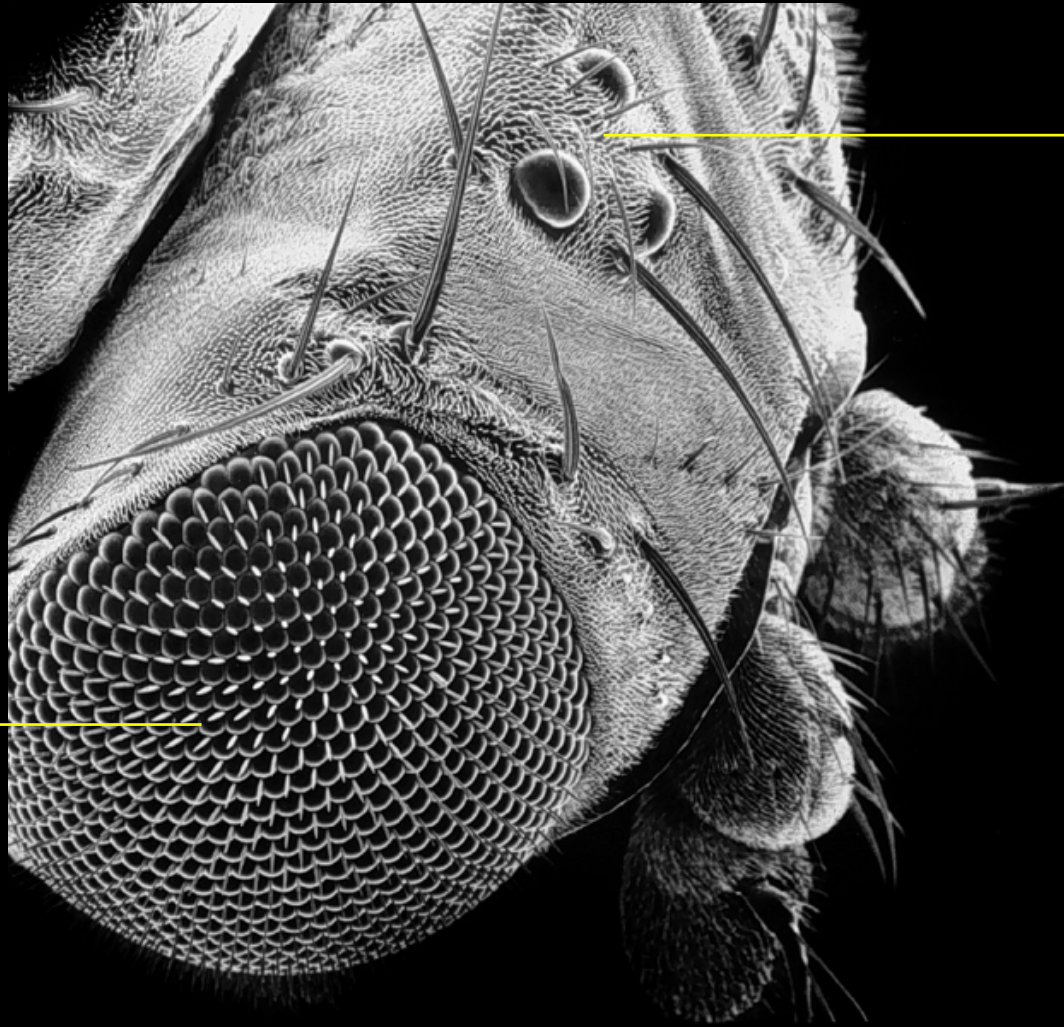


## Getting started:

- Find the path of least resistance
- Be the ‘Director’
- Craft the ‘Story-Board’
- Set goals and time-line
- ‘Hire’ your artists



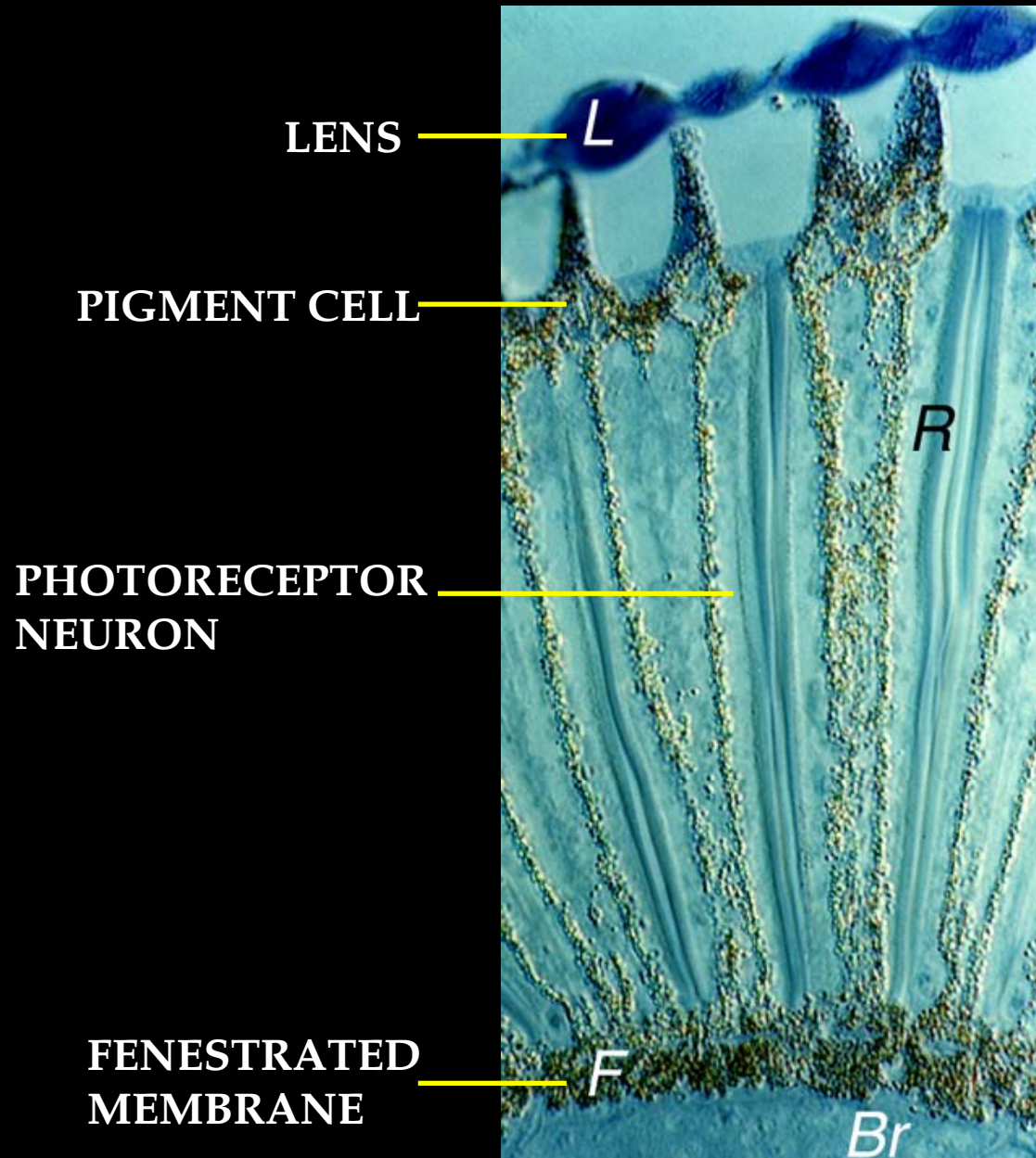
# Adult Visual System



Ocellus

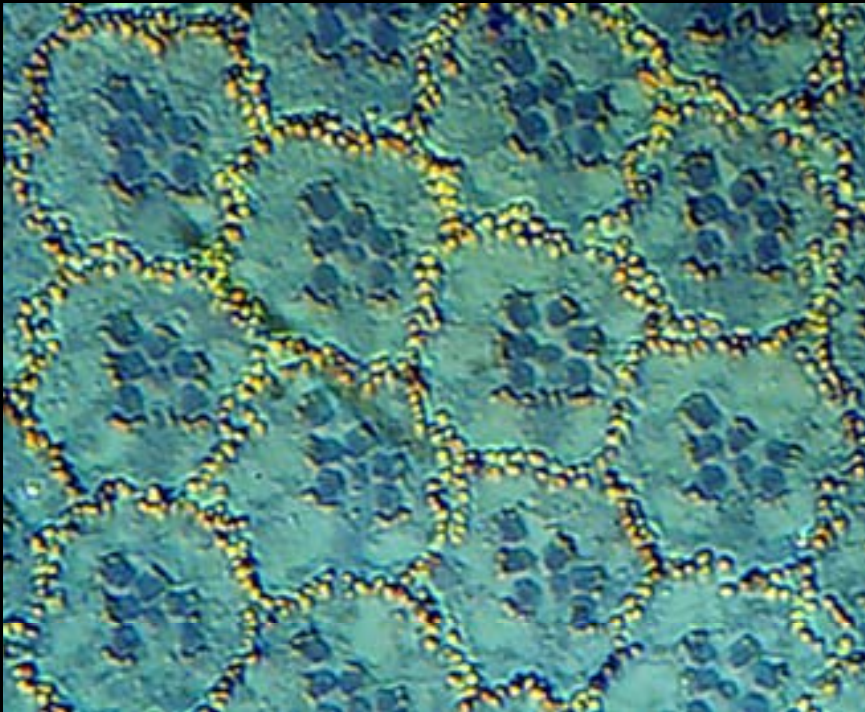
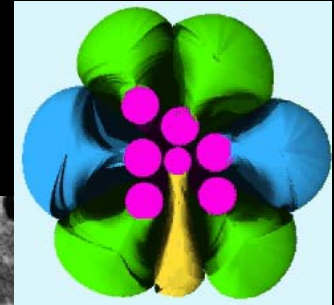
Compound Eye

# Tissue Section

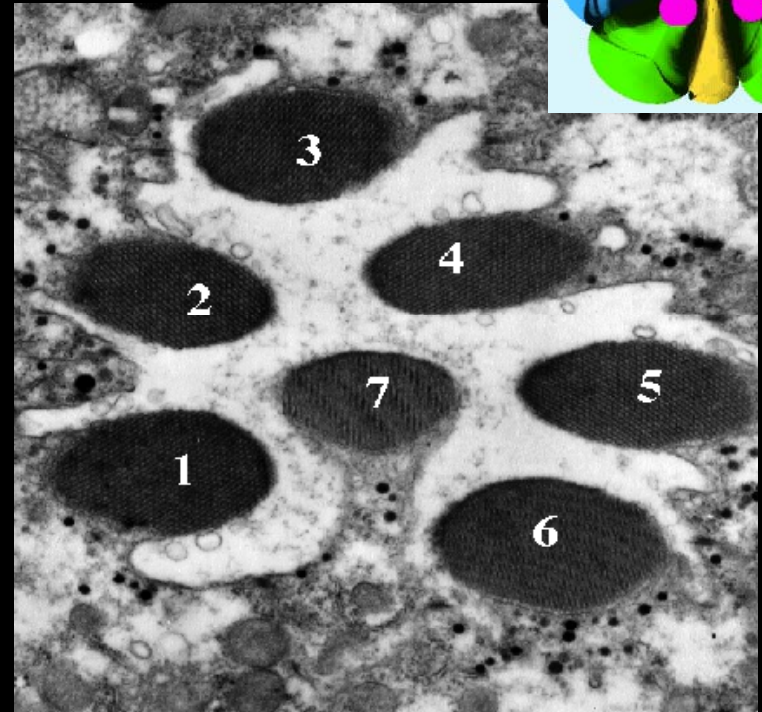




# Cross Section of Adult Eye



Light Micrograph

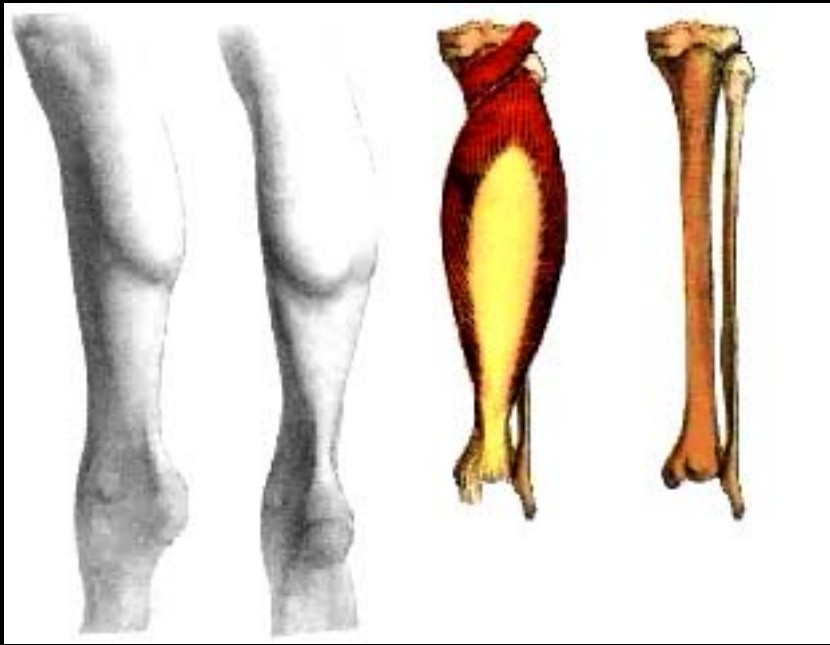


Electron Micrograph

Ready and co-workers

## Try Multiple Styles:

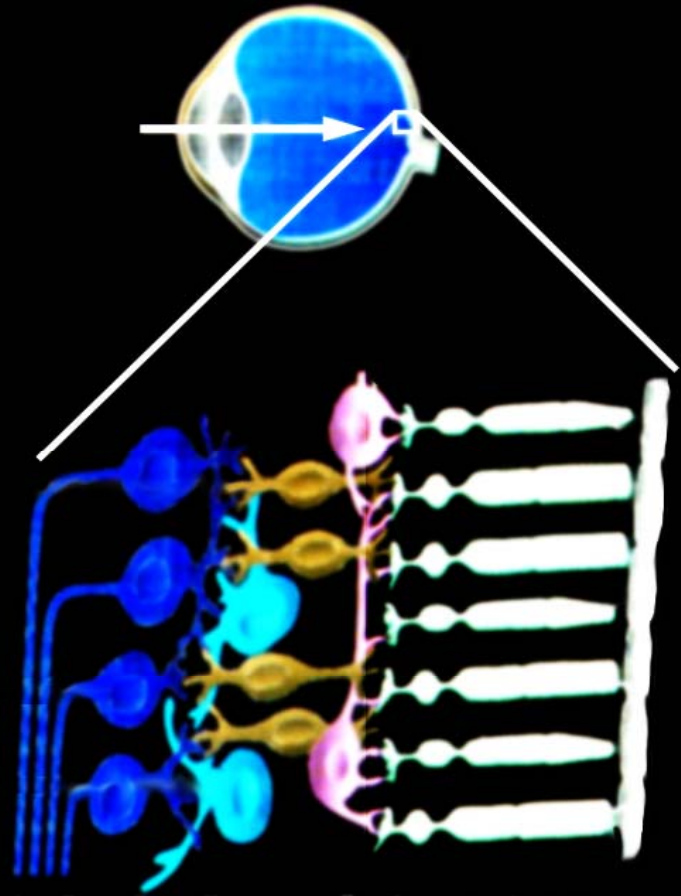
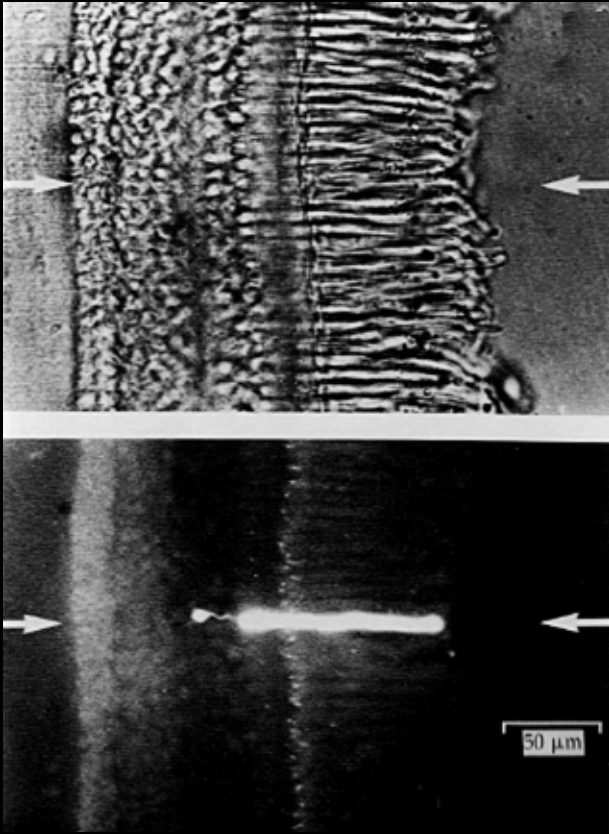
- Use different artists
- Ask your colleagues in the Fine Arts College

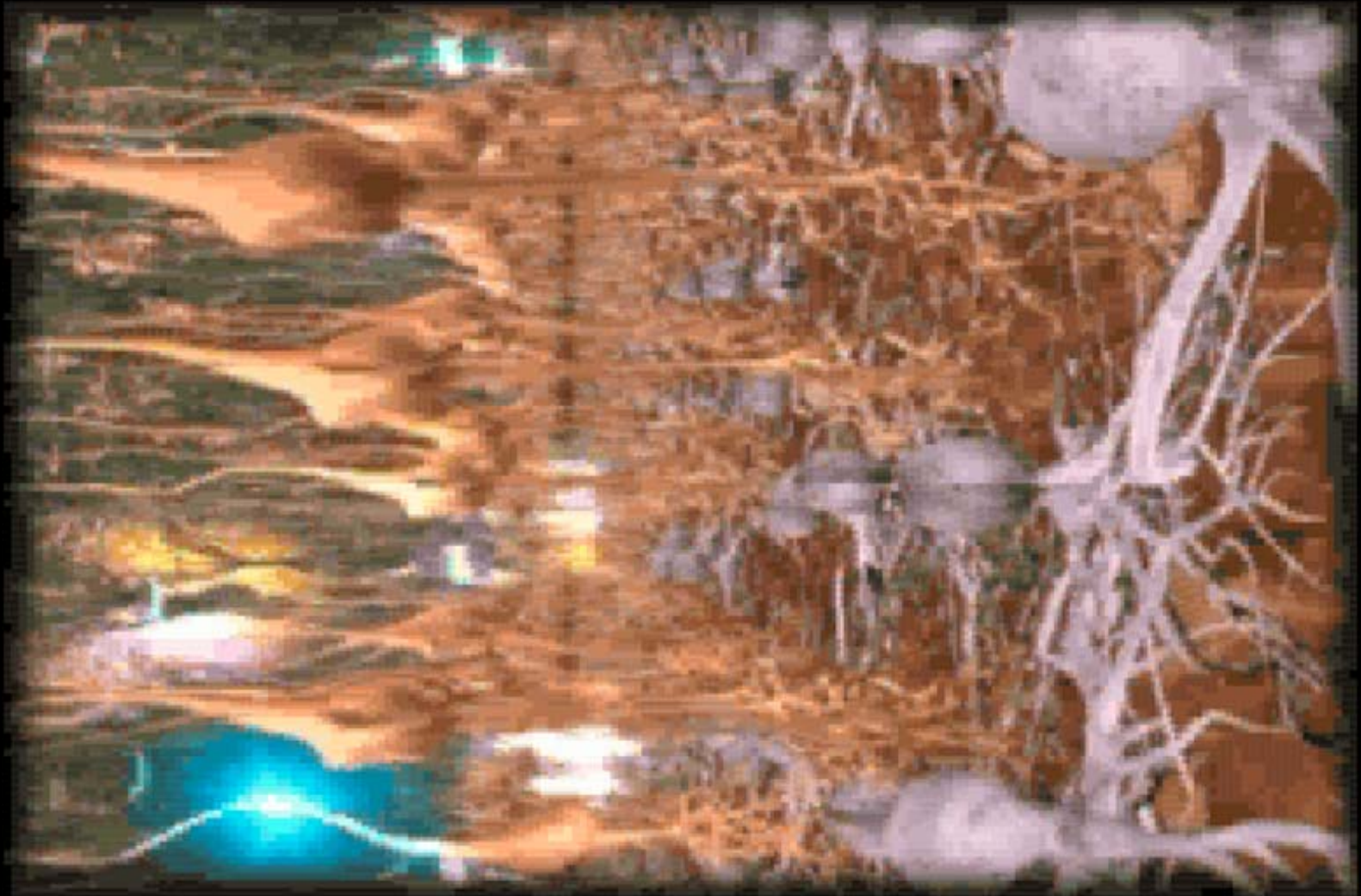


# Visual Perception









# What to watch out for





Do Experiments:



**A** The Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative presents,

# Dr. Allevable's Unbelievable Laboratory!



Join **Dr. Allevable** and **Regenerobot**  
for an exciting look at the science and art of  
**regenerative medicine**

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**TISSUE  
ENGINEERING  
FOR LIFE**

The new  
science of  
Regenerative  
Medicine;  
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# Did children learn from the film?

<u>Knowledge item:</u>	<u>Item type:</u>	<u>% Correct Before Show:</u>
1. What is a stem cell?	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	28
2. Where do stem cells come from?	Fill in the blank	1
3. Is there blood in your bones?	Yes/No	41
4. Where is blood made?	Fill in the blank	15
5. What is tissue engineering?	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	40
6. What does extracellular matrix mean?	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	13
7. What is a heart attack?	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	36
8. A growth factor is:	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	16

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6. What does extracellular matrix mean?	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	13	68
7. What is a heart attack?	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	36	52
8. A growth factor is:	Multiple choice <sup>a</sup>	16	38

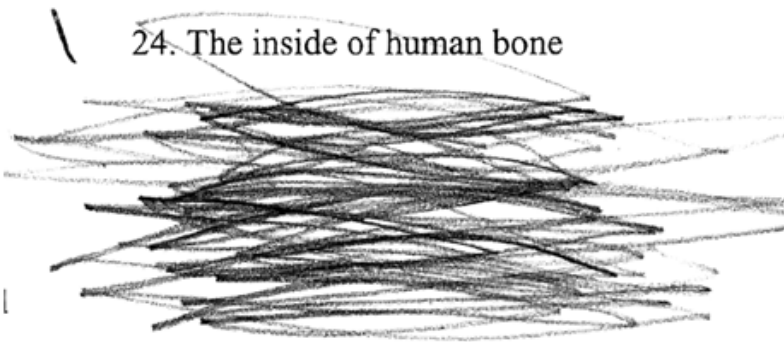
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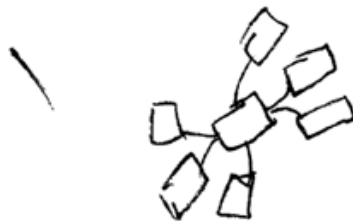
24. The inside of human bone

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25. A stem cell

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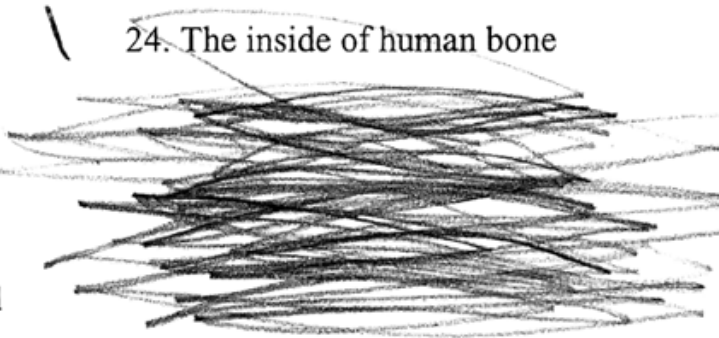
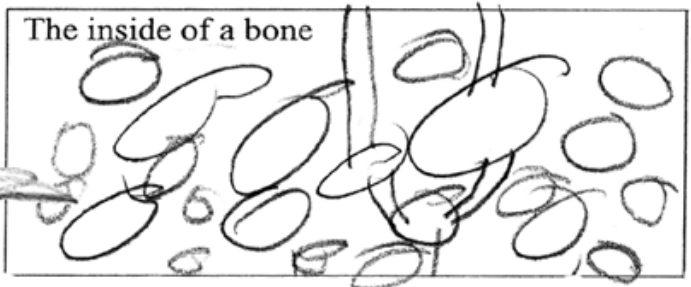

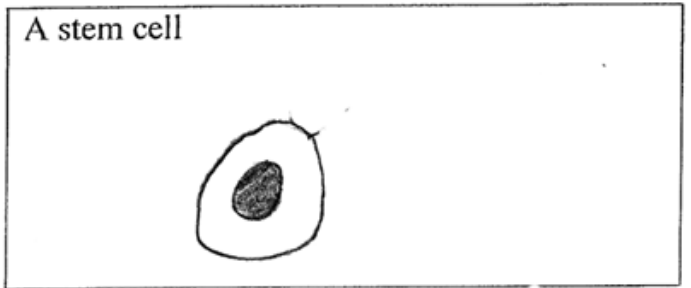
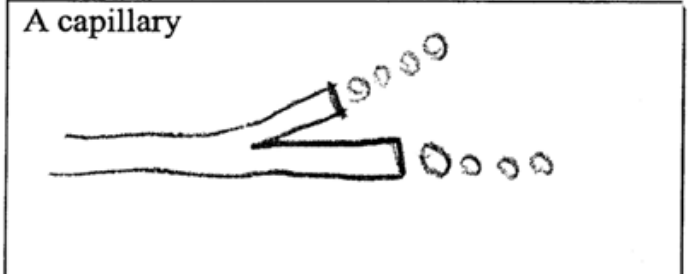
26. A capillary 0

16

don't know



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191	<p>25. A stem cell</p> 	<p>A stem cell</p> 
16	<p>26. A capillary</p> <p>don't know</p>	<p>3 A capillary</p> 



# So you have decided to make your own movie.

- Think
- Ask your audience
  - what do they know
  - what do they want to know
- Show your work
- Have fun

One of our latest challenges.

Plate tectonics...

# Plate Tectonics and the 'Tree of Life'



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[www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/geology](http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/geology)

The *Regenerative Medicine Partnership in Education*  
presents

# Our Cells

**Eating and Being**  
from the depths of  
the ocean...  
...to inside the  
human body



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## How to pay for it:

Be patient and find a way to do it for ‘free’

or

Partner with colleagues across campus

- use a class

Find university funding

NSF (Informal Science Education)

NSF summer supplement

NIH NCRR (SEPA R25)

What's next?

# INTRODUCTION

- How to deal with cells -



Search for bad cells with your mouse - they will be **outlined!** Click on the outlined cell to **select** it

the video game...

Then choose how to handle the cell by **clicking** on an icon



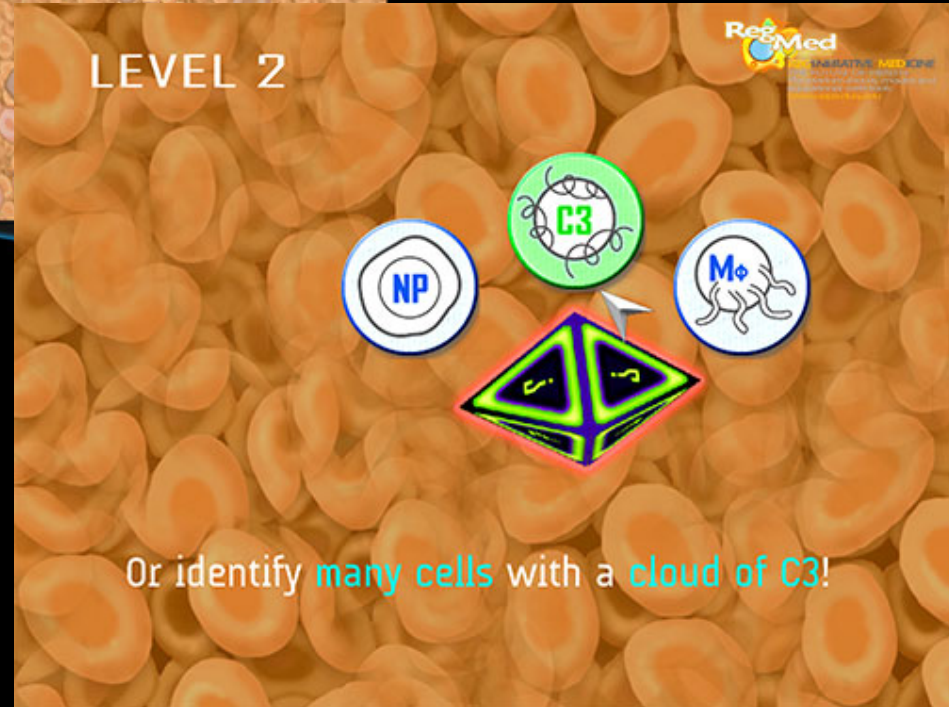
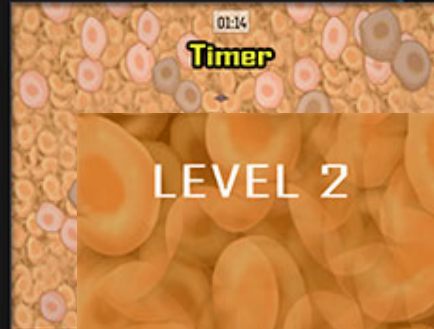
# INTRODUCTION

- Goals and Time -

To complete a level, you have to take care of a **number of cells.**

These **goals** are listed in the **bottom-left corner**

Be careful, you have **limited time** to meet your goals!



Or identify **many cells** with a **cloud of C3!**

# DARWIN 2009

EXPLORATION IS NEVER EXTINCT





# DARWIN 2009

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## Evidence for Evolution Talks

**Darwin at 200: Contributions and Challenges** A Duquesne Speaker Series, Spring 2009

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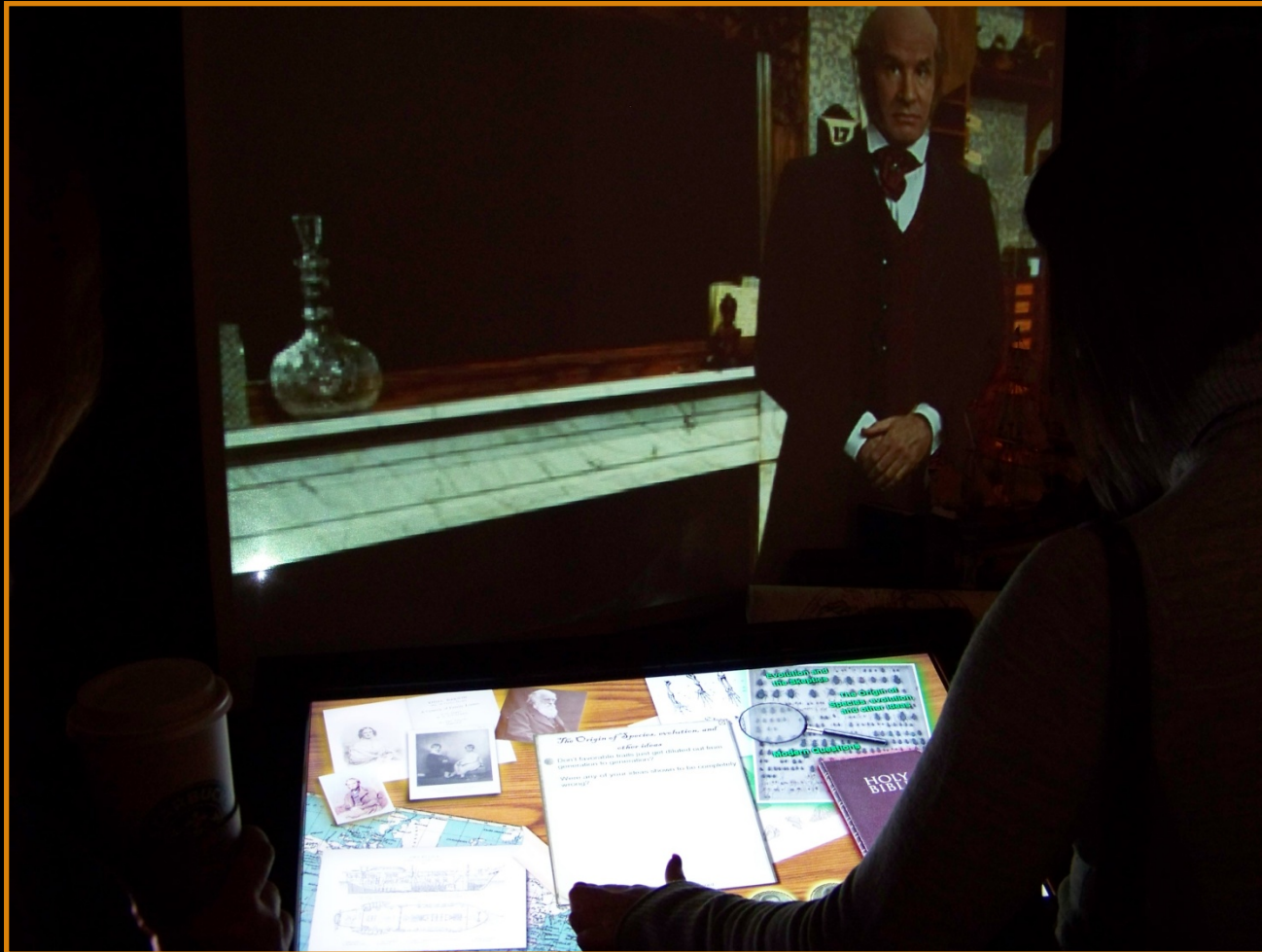


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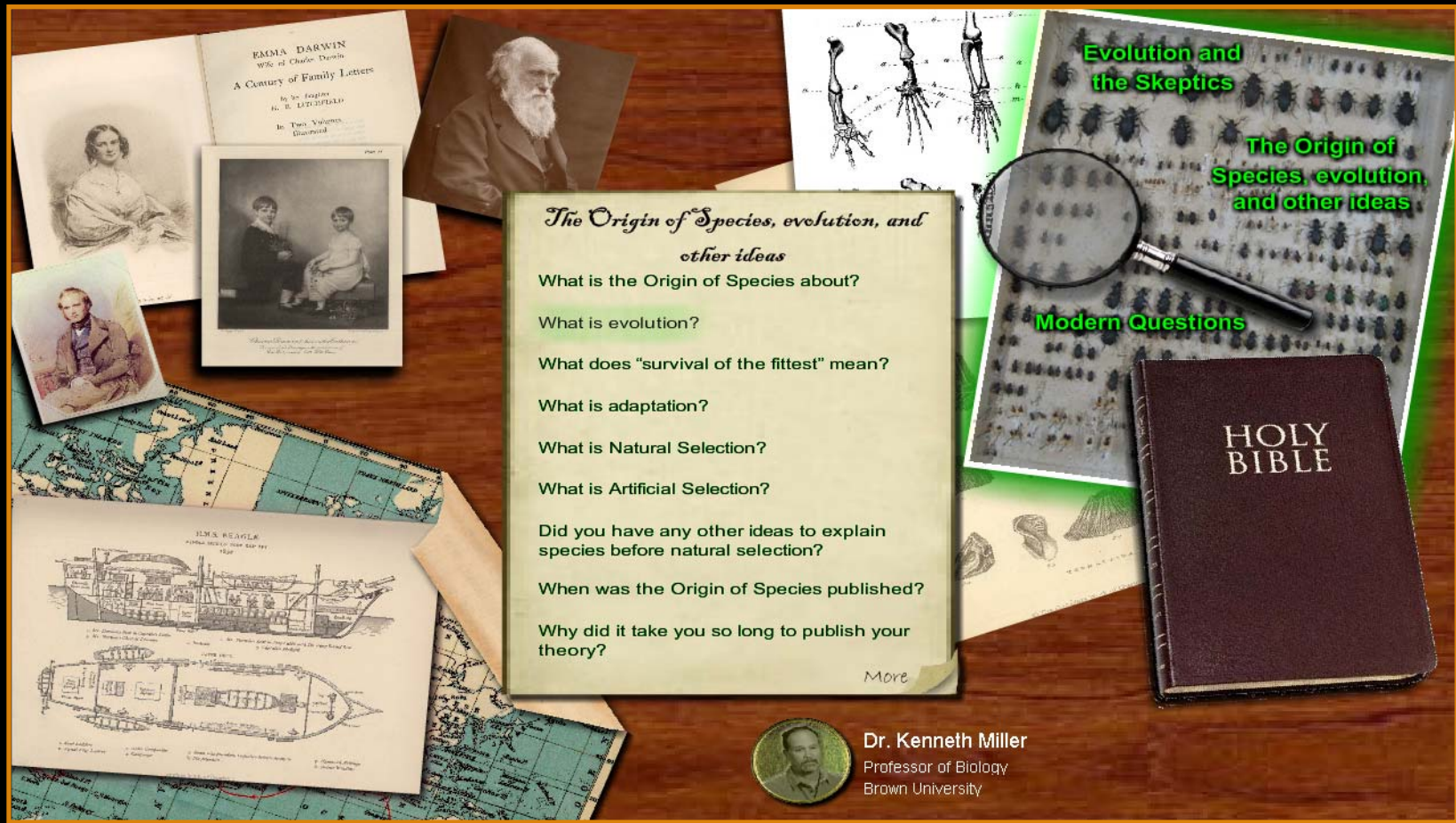




What is evolution?







*The Origin of Species, evolution, and other ideas*

- What is the Origin of Species about?
- What is evolution?
- What does "survival of the fittest" mean?
- What is adaptation?
- What is Natural Selection?
- What is Artificial Selection?
- Did you have any other ideas to explain species before natural selection?
- When was the Origin of Species published?
- Why did it take you so long to publish your theory?

More



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Dr. Zhe-Xi Luo  
Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology  
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What is adaptation?

Thank you.

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