

There are a number of useful videos for communicating to pupils the topic of evolution and Darwin's theory of natural selection. Here are five of the best...



The 5 best evolution videos for pupils

Tree of Life

Sir David Attenborough commentates alongside a graphical illustration of how the tree of life evolved, from single-celled organisms all the way through jawless fish, to crocodiles, dinosaurs and birds and us. (Is it weird that it makes me cry? Probably).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6IrUUDboZo>

What is natural selection? (Evolution explained in 60 seconds)

This simple video explains what natural selection is, and how it can act on populations of animals. It's very simple indeed but communicates the premise well. <http://youtu.be/BgqVPFiMhAo>

Evolution of the mammoth (BBC)

Scientists explain how the jungle elephant adapted to the changing world climate to become the king of the Ice Age - the Woolly Mammoth.

Awesome science video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlwMYnoCGsM>

Evolution: from ape-man to Neanderthal (BBC)

This amazing video clip shows the evolution of our species from ape man to Neanderthal. Animation and CGI enable animators to reconstruct evolution. It's sexy. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndwzAw8fchU>

Baba Brinkman – rap tribute for teachers teaching evolution

And lastly (this one might not be suitable for the pupils because it contains the word “b*tch”) there is this rap video by Baba Brinkman which is aimed at science teachers teaching the topic of evolution. It is blissfully brilliant and well worth a watch for getting you in the mood for teaching evolution! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry7ND9Ja1-o> (If you're after a more classroom-friendly version, try the Horrible Histories song about Darwin instead: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt2gHpgfZNA>)



Find out more!

For more information about teaching evolution to pupils, or to enquire about school workshops on the topic visit:

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