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Charles Darwin The Beagle

Voyage labels

1) 27th December 1831: The ship sets sail from Plymouth in England

3) CAPE VERDI: Darwin makes his first important discovery when he sees fossil sea shells halfway up a cliff face.

5) ARGENTINA: Darwin collects a wide range of fossils from Patagonia and the Falkland islands and the ship is shouted at by the people of Tierra Del Fuego.

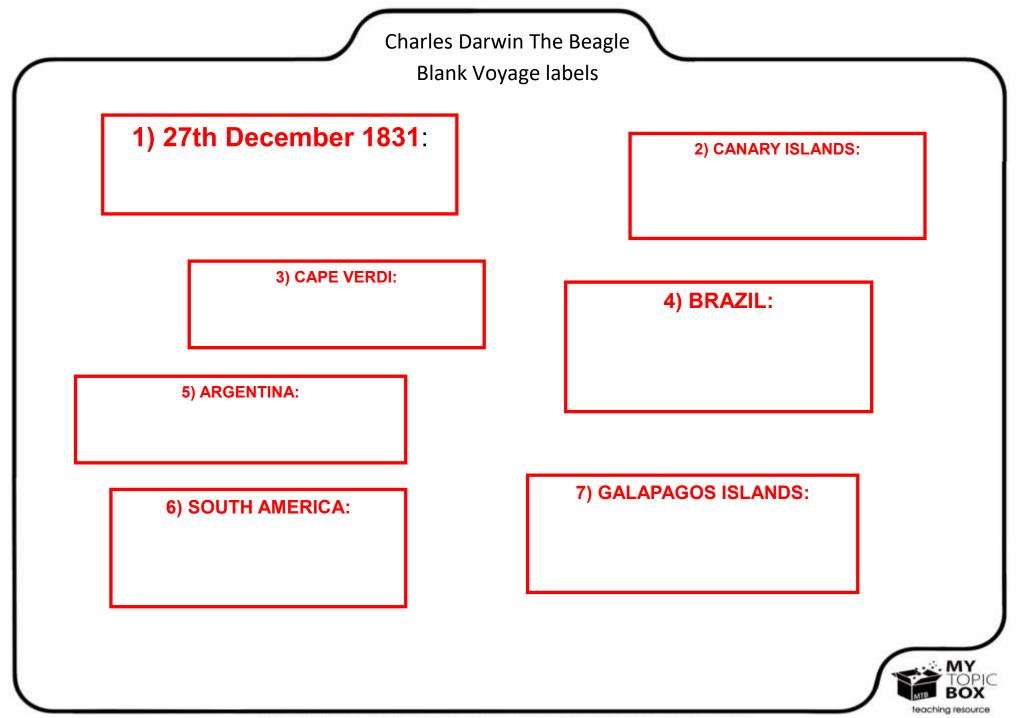
> 6) SOUTH AMERICA: Darwin finds large animal fossils which would have needed a lot more vegetation to live than the current landscape. This makes him realise that the land must have changed over time.

2) CANARY ISLANDS: The ship is unable to stop because of a Cholera outbreak in England. Darwin is sad that he can't land and see the islands.

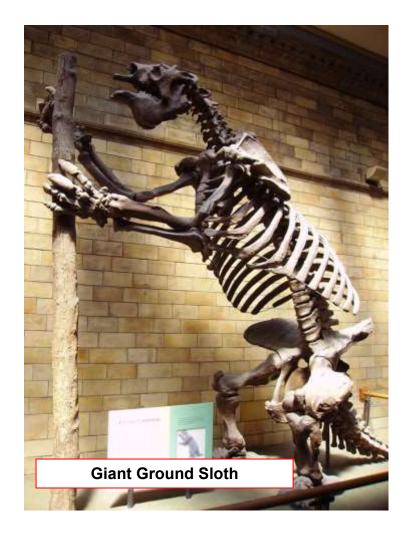
 4) BRAZIL: Darwin spends a lot more time ashore, exploring the rainforests and collecting many important specimens of animals, insects and plants. He also argues with the Captain!

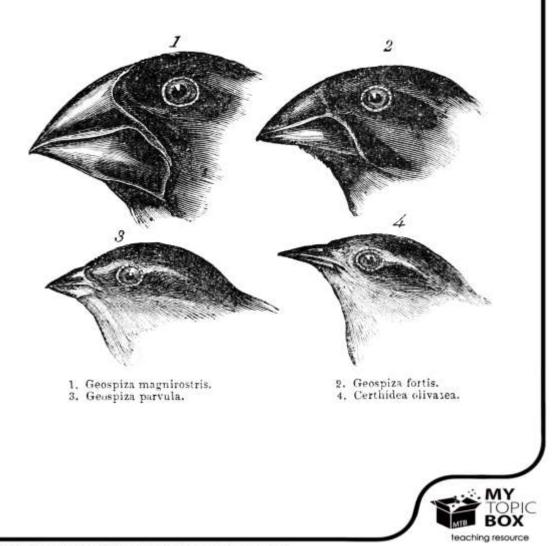
7) GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: Darwin makes his most important discoveries because of the isolated nature of the islands, including his famous finch discoveries which eventually confirm his famous "Theory of Evolution by Natural Selection."





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"This was a great disappointment to Mr. Darwin, who had cherished a hope of visiting the Peak of Tenerife" Captain Fitzroy

"These poor wretches were stunted in their growth, their hideous faces bedaubed with white paint, their skins filthy and greasy, their hair entangled, their voices discordant, their gestures violent and without dignity." Charles Darwin



"When out of temper Captain Fitzroy was utterly unreasonable. For instance, early in the voyage at Bahia in Brazil he defended and praised slavery, which I abominated!" Charles Darwin

