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REVOLUTION? What exactly is revolutionary about the Darwinian revolution? Imagine that a friend or relative who knows you are taking this course asked you this question. How would you answer? Is it the positive contributions to knowledge? The dangerous philosophical implications suggested by Gould and others? The cynical answer to the meaning of human existence suggested by Vonnegut? Or by Dawkins? How would you articulate the dimensions of the Darwinian revolution?

Talk about how people applied their understanding/thoughts before Darwin's theories

Talk about defining and explaining Darwin's theory that could cause revolutions, and how it could create shifts in understanding.

Talk about people's thoughts and representations after his theory came out.

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