

Story of Rats: An Examination of Co-Evolutionary Possibilities Between Rats and Humans

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Why?

- complex relationship
- personal experience



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- 2 Topics
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- Rat and Human
- Co-Evolution
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Definitions: Rat and Human



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Definitions: Co-Evolution

Interactions

- 1 Competition
- 2 Mutualism
- 3 “Enemy/Victim” Interactions

Processes

- 1 Patterns of Correlated Evolution (Phylogenetic Congruence)
- 2 Reciprocal Adaptive Responses
 - 1 Specific Co-Evolution
 - 2 Diffuse Co-Evolution
- 3 Co-Speciation
- 4 Escape-and-Radiate Co-Evolution

Definitions: Adaptation

Trait that confers enhanced reproductive success to an individual...

- ① in the present,
- ② not only in the present, but also in the past, and as a result is the product of natural selection, or
- ③ in the past, but which may or may not in the present, and may actually be maladaptive in the present.

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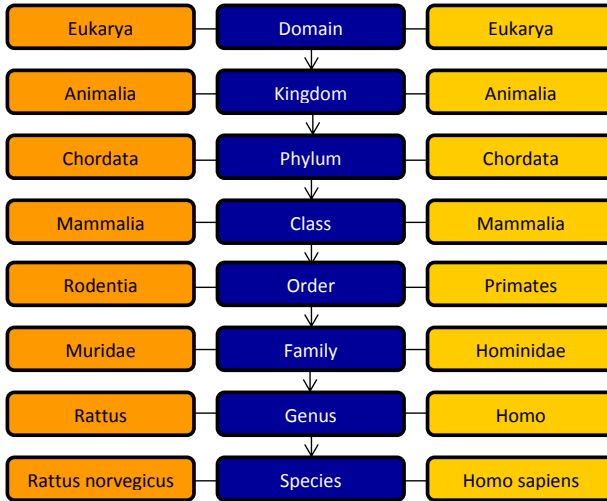
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- Taxonomy
- History
- Current Cultural Identities of the Rat
- Case Study

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Topics: Taxonomy



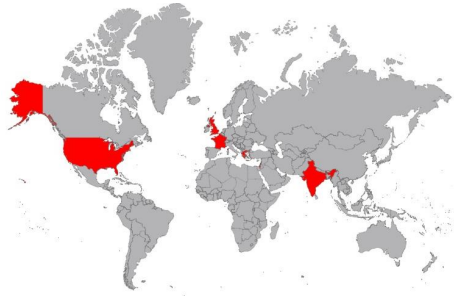
Topics: History

Religion

- India
- France
- Israel

Literature

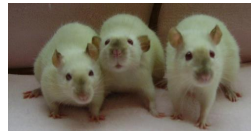
- Greece
- England
- United States



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Topics: Current Cultural Identities of the Rat

- 1 Vermin
- 2 Laboratory Animal
- 3 Pet



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Topics: Case Study



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Conclusions

Rats are highly adaptable...

- resources
- distribution

Humans are highly adaptable...

- culture
- technology

Some of these adaptations may or may not have happened in direct response to one another.

Thanks!

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Questions?