

I am **Charles Darwin**. I published a book in which I explained my theory of evolution. I argued that a process called natural selection allows for the fittest species to survive and the weakest to die out. This theory explains why we have so much biological diversity on earth, and I used it *only* to explain what I observed in the world around me.

I am a **Social Darwinist**. What this means is that from the 1850s to the 1920s, I believed we should *act out* Darwin's theory in society. In other words, I thought that the powerful people in society were better than the weak and that we should have allowed the powerful to succeed and the weak to die out.

I am a **Eugenicist**, a friend of the Social Darwinist. I believed that the government should have a say in who reproduces so that we can create a "superior race." As a Eugenicist, I supported forced sterilization and even the extermination of certain groups of people.

I am **Victoria**, a student at California State University, San Bernardino. I need to write a paper about evolution, and I keep finding online articles and blogs that sound pretty racist. One article I found was written by a Eugenicist who believed in Social Darwinism. In the article, the author kept referring to this Darwin guy, so I'd really like to know what Darwin had to say about evolution.