Lab Activity: Research of Darwin’s Trip

In 1831 Charles Darwin set on a voyage around the world. This trip changed the landscape of modern biology and how we view the world. Our goal today is to have you learn about this voyage. I want you to experience the same things that Darwin did on his trip.

You and your group will be completing a research paper that is at around 3-4 pages long. This essay should document Darwin’s trip and how he made his major discoveries. Below is an outline for the paragraphs of your paper.

Please explain all about the five topics below.

1. Describe Charles Darwin’s life before he left on the HMS Beagle.
   1. Things from his childhood
   2. Where and what he studied
   3. His motivation for going around the world
2. Describe the trip of Charles Darwin
   1. Where was he going?
   2. What did he find out on his trip?
3. What was the reason Darwin was fascinated by the Galapagos Islands?
   1. Why were they special to Darwin
   2. What was the reason Darwin had so many ideas on these islands?
4. What ideas did Darwin have when he visited the Galapagos Islands?
   1. What were his ideas?
   2. How did he form them?
   3. What organisms helped him come to these conclusions?
5. What did Darwin do when he returned from his trip?
   1. What did he do with his notes?
   2. Why did he take so long to publish “The Origin of Species”
   3. What was the reaction of people when he did?

This paper will be graded as a group paper and individual grade. That means you will be given a grade based on the group’s paper and your individual effort in the paper.

I would like your group to divide up the work in writing this paper and label who wrote which paragraphs. This will let me see who participated in the completion of this paper.