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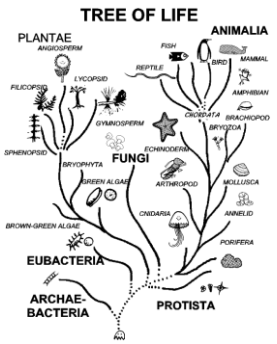

Background

See separate document posted.

Objective

To explore taxonomy and classification of organisms in general and humans specifically
To practice sorting "individuals" according to characteristics such as skin color
To consider the limits of classification as an explanatory framework for human difference

Activities

1. Taxonomy

We will be discussing the classification information in the background handout and comparing humans to other life forms.

2. What characteristics do we use to characterize individuals?

You have been given a doll. Complete the following table.

Description	Characteristic being used
3" tall	height

We will be creating a comprehensive list of the characteristics everyone used.

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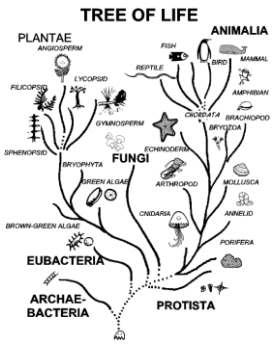

3. Sorting by skin color

DO THIS ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT DISCUSSING!

1. We all know what we mean when we say "red," right? Or do we?

You will be given a collection of paint chips.
Sort them into these colors and write the paint color name in the column below.

RED	BLUE	YELLOW	PURPLE	GREEN	BROWN

2. When is white yellow? When is white blue?

You will be given a collection of paint chips. Decide what chip is the cut-off between

white and yellow _____

white and blue _____

3. What do these exercises suggest about the limits of classification as an explanatory framework for human difference?