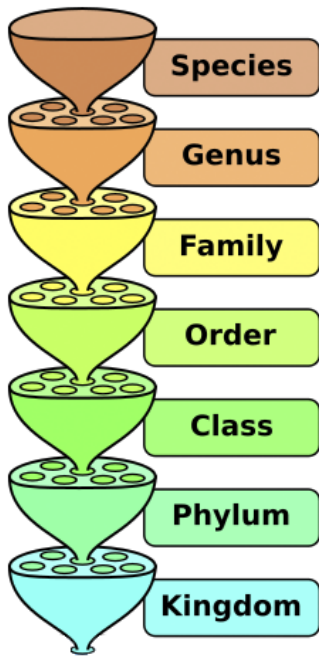


## Classification of Humans Background

- I. Classification of humans as a species
  - a. Victorian era classification
  - b. Binomial nomenclature and species relationships established by Carl Linneaus and still in use today



### **Homo sapiens**

Members of the genus *Homo* with a high forehead and thin skull bones.

### **Homo**

Hominids with upright posture and large brains.

### **Hominids**

Primates with relatively flat faces and three-dimensional vision.

### **Primates**

Mammals with collar bones and grasping fingers.

### **Mammals**

Chordates with fur or hair and milk glands.

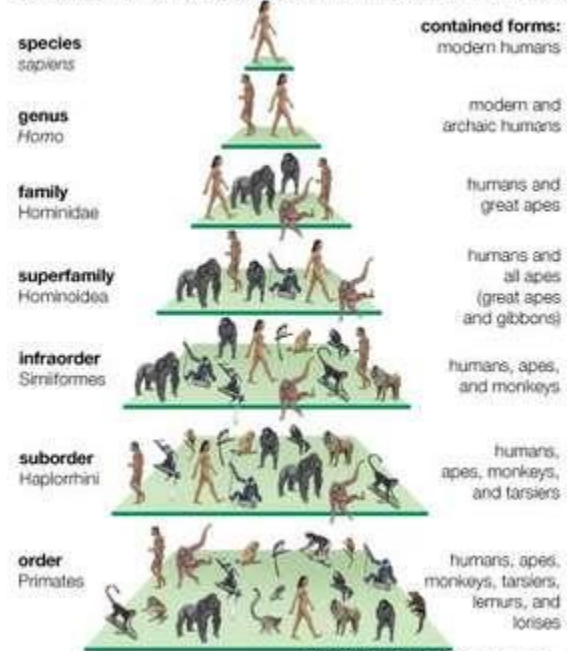
### **Chordates**

Animals with a backbone.

### **Animals**

Organisms able to move on their own.

### Classification of *Homo sapiens* within the order Primates

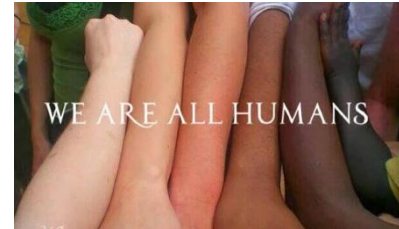


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Common Name	Human	Common Chimpanzee	Grey Wolf	Tiger Snake	Monarch Butterfly
Domain	Eukaryota	Eukaryota	Eukaryota	Eukaryota	Eukaryota
Kingdom	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia
Phylum	Chordata	Chordata	Chordata	Chordata	Arthropoda
Class	Mammalia	Mammalia	Mammalia	Reptilia	Insecta
Order	Primates	Primates	Carnivora	Squamata	Lepidoptera
Family	Hominidae	Hominidae	Canidae	Elapidae	Nymphalidae
Genus	Homo	Pan	Canis	Notechis	Danaus
Species	Homo sapiens	Pan troglodytes	Canis lupus	Notechis scutatus	Danaus plexippus

II. Classification within human species:

- a. by what criteria?
  - i. this has been discussed in lecture and lecture readings
  - ii. skin color, external genitals/secondary sex characteristics, eye shape



III. Do all humans share a common evolutionary origin? – Enlightenment era debate (e.g., Johann Friedrich Blumenbach): monogenism vs. polygenism

- a. monogenism: YES.
  - i. races are all the same species
- b. polygenism: NO.
  - i. races are different species with little to no evolutionary link

IV. So, what?

- a. *What happens when we classify life forms?*
- b. *Look at all these classification and evolutionary trees – what common features do you observe?*

