



## **Strauss Preparatory School**

### **Reading Comprehension Activity Sheet**

# **Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace**

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Answer the questions in full sentences.

### **Chapter One: Age of Discovery**

1. The 1800 is described as \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the full names of the two scientist of that 19<sup>th</sup> century?

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3. Who is more prominent among these scientists?

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4. The two scientists worked together during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Chapter Two: Darwin's Early Life**

5. What was Darwin's childhood interest?  
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6. His father told him, "You will be a disgrace to yourself and all your family!" Why did Darwin's father say this to him?  
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7. Why do you think Charles Darwin didn't do well in the school of medicine and at training as a vicar?  
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### Chapter Three: Wallace's Childhood

8. 'Then he had to earn a living to support his family.' Using context clues, what does this statement mean?

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9. What skills did Wallace gain from working with his brother as a surveyor? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Alfred was similar to Darwin. What was similar about these two scientists? \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter Four: A Love for Nature

11. "the little **inconsiderate** beast squirted his acid down my throat!" Choose another word to replace the word 'squirted' in the sentence.

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12. Name one of Darwin's friends at the university.

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13. This chapter is majorly about \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter Five: A Head for Science

14. According to this chapter, what is the other word for 'transmutation'? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Thomas Malthus wrote the book on how rocks form. \_\_\_\_\_

16. What was the most important thing about Wallace meeting Henry Walter Bates? \_\_\_\_\_