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<td>Microscope shows cells, rejects then common view of &quot;spontaneous generation&quot;</td>
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<td>Comte de Buffon's <em>Natural History</em> proposes ideas of evolution and common ancestry of all life</td>
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<td>Erasmus Darwin's <em>Zoonomia</em> (rhymed couplets) praises evolution</td>
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<td>Archdeacon William Paley's <em>Natural Theology</em> views God design through nature</td>
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<td>Cuvier sees catastrophes and changes in life in fossil record; however rejects evolution</td>
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<td>Charles Lyell's <em>Principles of Geology</em> describes immense age of Earth</td>
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<td>Exploratory voyage on the HMS Beagle transforms Darwin's thinking</td>
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<td><em>Pro-evolution Vestiges on the natural history of creation</em> (anonymous) creates uproar</td>
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<td>Lord Kelvin calculates the age of Earth as 100 my</td>
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<td>Wallace co-discovers evolution by natural selection; provokes Darwin to publish</td>
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<td>Mendel's breakthroughs on heredity and genes go unnoticed</td>
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<td>Theologian Charles Hodge's <em>What Is Darwinism</em> connects evolution to atheism</td>
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<td>Darwin explores human evolution in <em>The Descent of Man</em></td>
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<td>Social Darwinism stirs public sentiment against evolution</td>
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<td>Analysis of radioactive decay points to an ancient Earth, more than 4.3 by</td>
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<td>Mendel's laws of heredity rediscovered and incorporated into evolutionary biology</td>
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<td>Public high schools spread through the U.S.; evolution in education becomes a major social is-</td>
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<td><em>The Fundamentals</em> (Protestant) suggests that creation story metaphor is compatible with evolu-</td>
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<td>Scofield Reference Bible interprets Genesis; &quot;gap theory&quot; of evolution allows million year pas-</td>
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<td>Flood geology (of Seventh-day Adventist George Price) has small following</td>
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<td>WWI spurs anti-evolution crusade; Germans connected to evolutionary biology</td>
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<td>Conservative Christians flock to large conference, WCFA; unite against evolution</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>William Jennings Bryan (lawyer, politician) launches crusade against evolution education</td>
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<td>First anti-evolution bills passed in 6 southern states, sponsored by Bryan and others</td>
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<td>TN law bans teaching human evolution in school</td>
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<td>Scopes trial in Dayton TN brings controversy to attention of Americans</td>
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<td>Biology textbooks censored; evolution dropped from public schools throughout U.S.</td>
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<td>The “Modern Evolutionary Synthesis” adds new facts to Darwin's theory</td>
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<td>DDT resistance is evidence of rapid evolution</td>
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<td>1947-48</td>
<td>Supreme Court bans religion in public schools based on the First Ammendment</td>
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<td>1950</td>
<td>Pope Pius XII sees way to accept evolution by distinction between human body and soul</td>
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<td>1953</td>
<td>DNA structure solved</td>
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<td>Sputnik cases use for science education; NSF sponsors accurate science textbooks; evolution taught again in public schools</td>
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<td>1961</td>
<td><em>Genesis Flood</em> (Henry Morris &amp; John Whitcomb) spawns young-Earth creationism</td>
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<td>1962-63</td>
<td>Supreme Court bans prayer in school</td>
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<td>Human and ape DNA shows that African apes &amp; humans more closely related than African apes &amp; orangutans</td>
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<td>1968</td>
<td>Supreme Court strikes down state law against evolution education</td>
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<td>“Creation science” movement spreads nationwide</td>
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<td>c. 1975</td>
<td>Sociobiology explores evolutionary origins of behavior</td>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>Creationists lobby for “equal time” in public education bills</td>
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<td>Creationism spreads worldwide</td>
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<td>1987</td>
<td><em>Edwards vs. Anguillard</em>- Supreme Court bans “creation science” in schools</td>
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<td>Intelligent Design (ID) movement gains ground in U.S.</td>
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<td>First proposals for textbook disclaimers against evolution</td>
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<td>Michael Behe’s <em>Darwin's Black Box</em> brings converts and critics to ID</td>
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<td>Pope John Paul II endorses evolution</td>
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<td><em>Freiler v. Tangipahoa</em>- district court rules against anti-evolution disclaimers in schools</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Human genome sequencing reveals that humans share &gt; 98 % of genes with chimpanzees, and have genes in common with fruit flies and yeast</td>
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<td>Gallup poll shows majority of Americans choose “creationism” over “evolution” when asked about human origins</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td><em>Selman v. Cobb County</em>- district court rules against textbook disclaimer stickers</td>
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