**Charles Darwin’s Biography**

**Early life and childhood**

Charles Darwin – arguably one of the greatest scientists of all time – was born on 12th February 1809 at the family home near Shrewsbury (Shropshire). His parents, Robert Darwin and Susannah Wedgwood, were wealthy and his father was a well-respected doctor. Unfortunately, when Charles was only 8 years old, his mother passed away, leaving behind Charles and his 5 siblings: Catherine, Marianne, Caroline, Susan and his older brother - Erasmus. Throughout Darwin’s childhood, he spent a large amount of his time going for walks, bird watching and collecting beetles. Furthermore, Darwin enjoyed shooting with his Uncle Jos (Josiah Wedgwood). He loved nature and this passion was to continue as he grew older.

**Education**

**Work and Voyage**

**Private Life**

**Legacy**

*Helpful sentence openers:*

As a child,

During his life,

Consequently,

During this time,

Despite the fact that

At university,

Whilst he was working,

After 5 years,

However,

Many years later,

In 1949,