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## 5.04 Keys and Kingdoms Guided Notes

### Objectives:

In the lesson, you will:

- use a taxonomic key to classify organisms based on characteristics
- explain how branching tree diagrams show evolutionary relationships among species
- interpret branching tree diagrams

### Big Ideas:

Key Questions and Terms	Notes
_____ are made of a series of paired statements that describe physical characteristics of different organisms.	
How are taxonomic keys used?	
A _____ is the most recent ancestral form or species from which two different species evolved.	
What other ways can organisms be classified?	
How is a branching tree diagram used?	
What is a shared derived characteristic? What is an example of this type of characteristic?	