

# Agenda (January 7, 2020)

1. Video Clips and Slides on The Scopes Trial (~15 Minutes)
2. Break into groups to read **Documents from The Scopes Trial** (~20 Minutes)
3. Debrief responses to Documents (~10 Minutes)

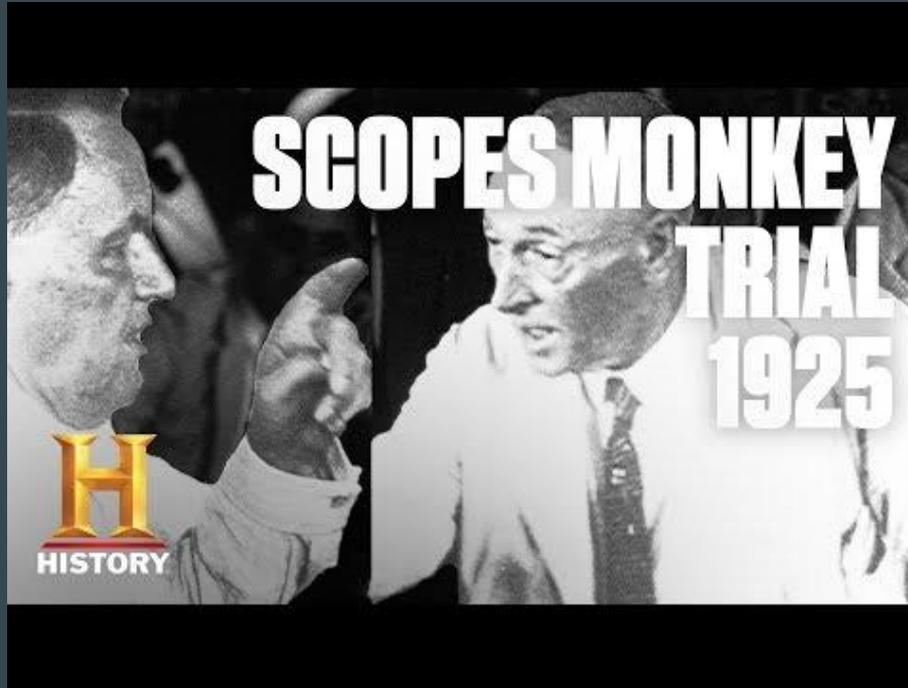
# The Scopes Trial

## “The Monkey Trial”

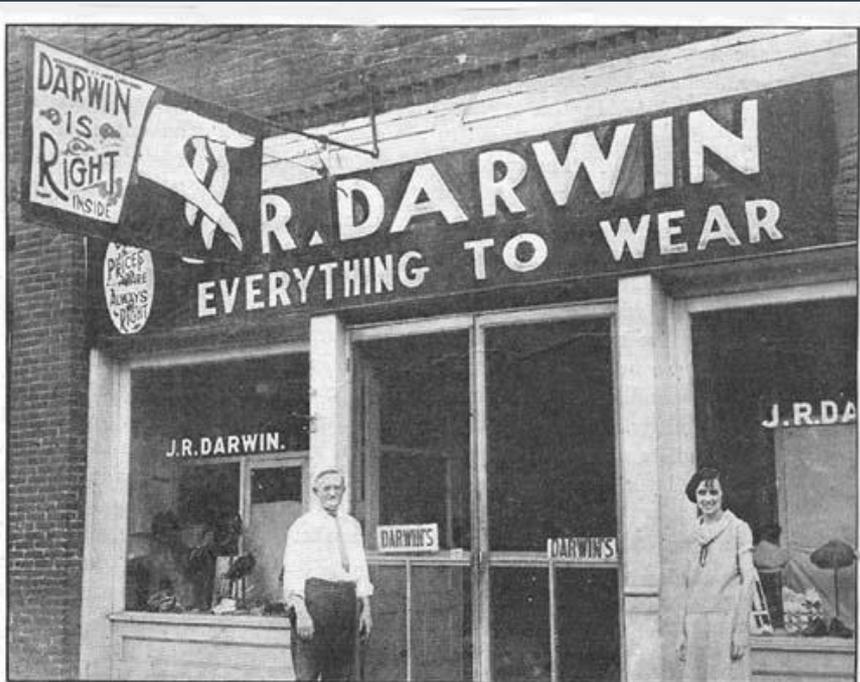
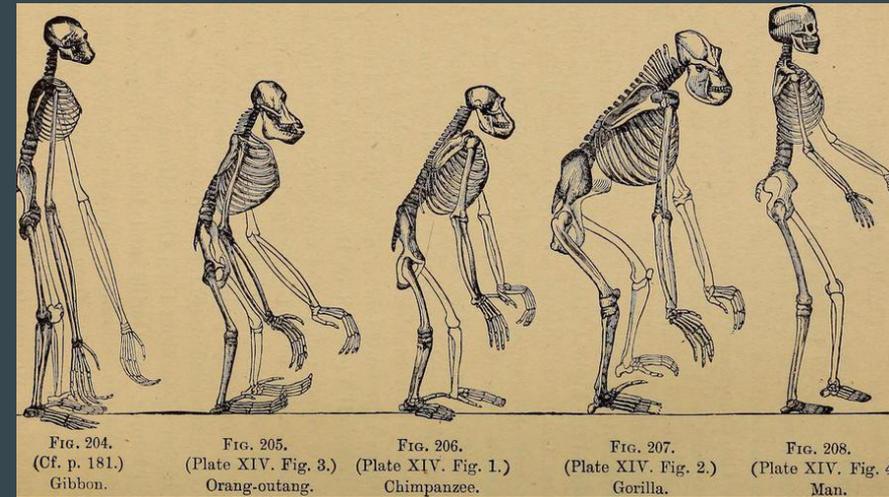


LT3 - I can analyze the change in American tradition and society in the 1920s

# History.com - Footage from the Scopes Trial



# Charles Darwin - Theory of Evolution



**A DARWIN IN THE ENEMY'S CAMP**

It is strange but true. Darwin is in Dayton, Tennessee. As can be seen in the above photo, J. R. Darwin has a dry-goods store on Dayton's main street, and doesn't care who knows it. For he happens to be a good citizen of Dayton and at the same time the namesake of the famous evolutionist. He is shown in front of his store.

**1920s -**  
White Protestant Fundamentalists protest Darwin's evolution

**1914 -**  
Public High Schools start teaching evolution in textbooks

# The Butler Act (1925)

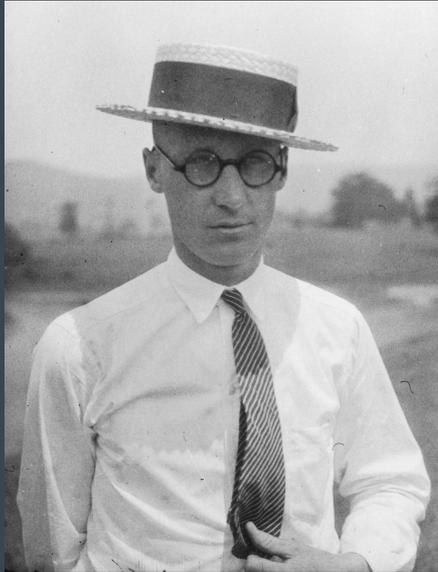
1925 - Tennessee outlaws the teaching of evolution in schools



*It shall be unlawful for any teacher... to teach any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught by the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals...*

**Modernists** vs. **Fundamentalists**

# Key Players



John T. Scopes

Age 24 - High School Science & Math Teacher

Clarence Darrow

Famous ACLU Lawyer

William Jennings Bryan

Presidential Candidate &  
Lawyer



# Scene from *Inherit the Wind* (1960)



## Document A:

- *A letter to the editor - Tennessee Newspaper*

## Document B:

- *A lawyer's speech during the Scopes Trial*

## Document C:

- *A national magazine article*

## Document D:

- *An article from the New York Times*

## Document A:

- **Source:** *Mrs. Jesse Sparks, letter to the editor, Nashville Tennessean, July 3, 1925. Mrs. Sparks was one of many citizens who wrote letters to Tennessee's newspapers in response to the Butler Act.*

## Document B:

- **Source:** *Excerpt from Dudley Field Malone's speech on the fourth day of the Scopes trial, July 15, 1925. Dayton, Tennessee. Dudley Field Malone was a New York attorney who was on the defense team, defending John Scopes. He argued for the importance of teaching science.*

## Document C:

- **Source:** *Excerpt from Reverend John Roach Straton's article in American Fundamentalist, "The Most Sinister Movement in the United States." December 26, 1925. John Roach Straton was a minister who preached across the country against the sins of modern life. He was firmly opposed to the teaching of evolution.*

## Document D:

- **Source:** *Excerpt from a front page New York Times article, "Cranks and Freaks Flock to Dayton." July 11, 1925. The New York Times editorials sided with the defense and criticized Dayton's small-town mentality. Dayton's population in 1925 was 1,800.*

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Green - Public Schools

