

## Essay Contest

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## **Essay Topic:**

Described as 'the most important idea to occur to the human mind', Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection, published in *The Origin of Species* in 1859, caused a revolution in science and society.

Explain why Darwin's views remain so important today.

## Details:

Deadline: Extended to October 2, 2009!

Maximum Length: 500 words

Submit essays to: essaycontest@ou.edu

Open to all college students in the state of Oklahoma and all high school students in the Norman Independent School District.

Essays will be judged on originality and quality of writing by a panel consisting of individuals selected by the Darwin 2009 Steering Committee.

Winners will be announced at Darwin biographer Janet Browne's talk at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History on November 5, 2009.

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