

A PORTRAIT OF LINNAEUS

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FATHER OF TAXONOMY?

Topics Covered:

- Research skills
- Presentation skills
- Oral discussion
- Principles and importance of classification and taxonomy
- Understanding the importance of Linnaeus' contribution to science

Procedure

Collect 50 pieces of information about the life, career and contributions to science of **Carl Linnaeus**.

Construct a 'portrait' of Linnaeus which you can present to an audience of fellow students. You may use any combination of media you consider appropriate (e.g. video, Powerpoint, collage, oral presentation). The presentation should last about 10 minutes.



Questions to consider:

- Who was Carl Linnaeus?
- Where did he come from?
- What were the major events in his life?
- What were his contributions to science?
- Why were they important?
- How do they relate to science today?

Some resources are given overleaf to help you get started, you should be able to find more of your own. Make sure you keep a record of all your sources and try to make your presentation original and interesting!

Useful Websites

www.linnean.org

The Linnean Society of London

www.linnean-online.org

Linnaeus' collections online

www.linnaeus.se/eng/index.html

The Swedish Linnaeus Society

www.linnaeus.uu.se/online/index-en.html

An extensive portal from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, to information on Linnaeus

www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/science-of-natural-history/biographies/linnaeus/index.html

Information on Linnaeus from the Natural History Museum, London

linnaeus.nrm.se/botany/fbo/welcome.html.en

The Linnaean Herbarium at the Swedish Museum of Natural History

www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/history/linnaeus.html

A biography of Linnaeus from the University of California, Museum of Palaeontology

www.hammarby.uu.se/LHeng.html

Information about Linnaeus' home, Hammarby, from the University of Uppsala, Sweden



Specimens from Linnaeus' collections