

Teaching Notes & Resources

Key Stage 2/3

Themes: Evolution | Science | History | Race & Identity | Family

[Purchase *Where Are You Really From?*](#)



SCAN ME

About the book

Who do you think you are?

Have you ever thought about who you might be related to? What if we told you that you were related to EXTRAORDINARY EMPERORS, GREAT KINGS and MAGNIFICENT QUEENS?

Well, your majesty, you are. In fact, everyone is. And geneticist Adam Rutherford is here to tell you how.

Come on an extraordinary adventure through millions of years of human history where you will learn the story of our species from evolution to dinosaurs to YOU! You will meet kings and queens, pharaohs and vikings, and see just how far and wide humans have migrated around the world. You'll discover why we're related to a super cheesy man and that no matter what skin colour you have, language you speak or place you are from - we all share the same small pool of ancestors.

Armed with a deeper understanding of science and history, readers will learn how to dismantle common myths of who we really are - like what race is, where we come from, and what it means to be human.

Mind-boggling, entertaining and illuminating, this is the epic story of you and everyone who has ever lived!

About the author

Adam Rutherford

Dr. Adam Rutherford is a scientist, writer and broadcaster. He has written and presented award-winning programmes for the BBC, including Radio 4's Inside Science and The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry with Dr. Hannah Fry. He is the author of Creation, shortlisted for the Wellcome Trust Prize, A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived, The Book of Humans and The Sunday Times' bestselling How To Argue With a Racist.

About the illustrator

Adam Ming

Malaysian born illustrator, Adam Ming, currently resides in Kuala Lumpur with his wife and daughter. His illustrations are energetic and witty with a comic sensibility. He started illustrating in 2001 for a monthly column in the Malaysia Airlines Magazine.



Discover more books at
HachetteChildrens.co.uk



Discover more resources at
HachetteSchools.co.uk



Comprehension and discussion questions:

- What does LUCA stand for? Can you explain what it is?
- What myths about humankind has this book helped dispel?
- Can you remember what homo sapiens translates as?
- When was the identical ancestors point for the whole world?
- What does the phrase **Dead Kings Play Cards On Furry Gorillas' Stomachs** stand for?
- Who is the Cheddar Man and why is he important?
- Why have some people evolved to have paler or darker skin?
- Who was the first European to land in the Americas?
- How long have people been on the islands of Britain?



Activity 1 - Make a glossary

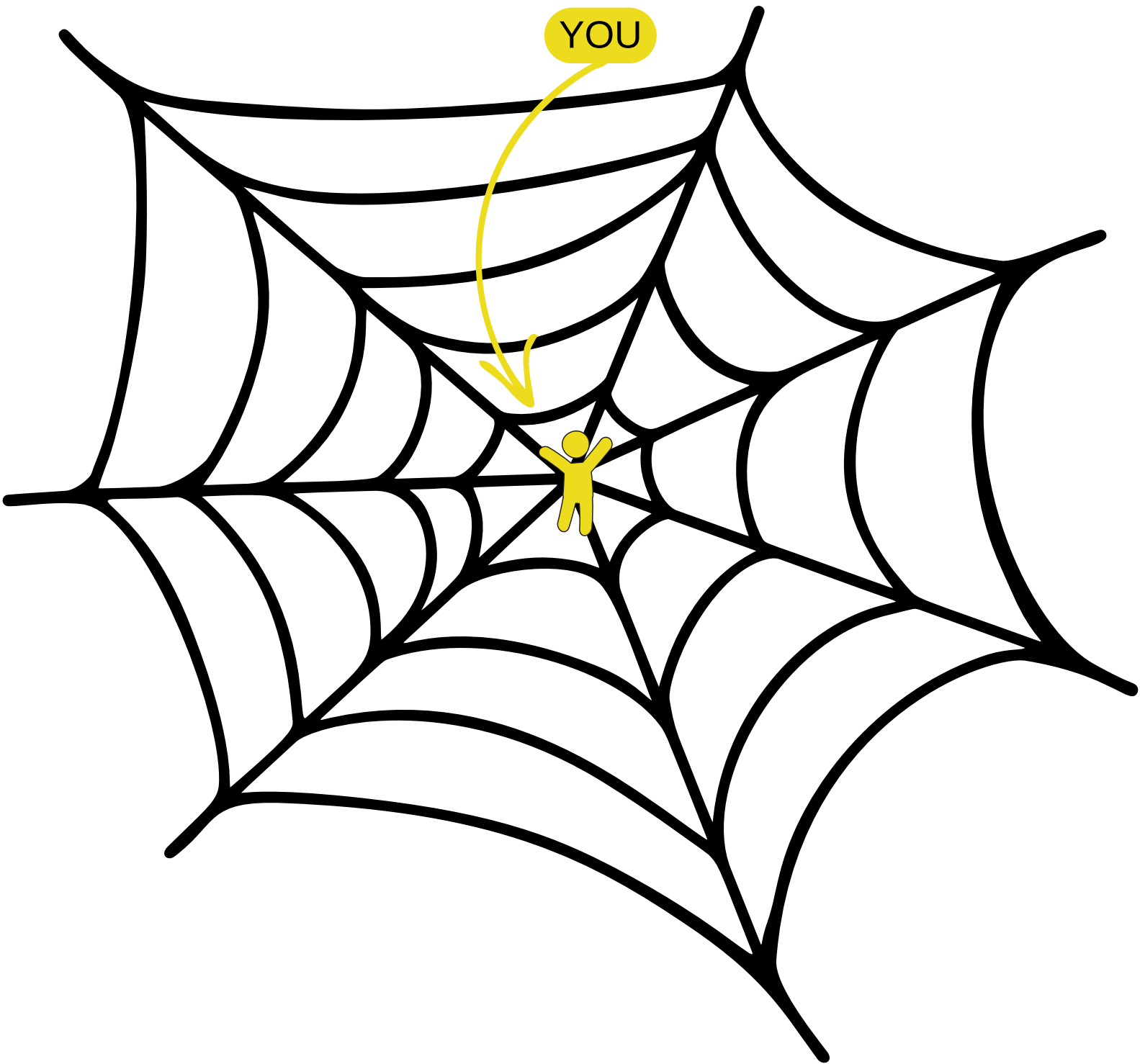
As you read through the book, make your own glossary of new words and phrases that you come across. There is a glossary at the back of the book to help you with the meanings or if a word isn't in the glossary see if you can find out what it means in the dictionary or online.

WORD	MEANING



Activity 2 – Family Webs

The author shows us that family trees aren't really like trees, they are all entangled and intertwined. Draw a spider's web, showing all the people who are important to you, including family and friends.



Discover more books at
[HachetteChildrens.co.uk](https://www.HachetteChildrens.co.uk)



Discover more resources at
[HachetteSchools.co.uk](https://www.HachetteSchools.co.uk)



