

Appendix 10: Thomas Henry Huxley

Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-1895) Brief Chronology of Work

Thomas Henry (T.H.) Huxley Alumnus **Charing Cross Hospital Medical School**

1845 Awarded First MB & Gold Medal for Anatomy & Physiology.
First paper published: on the human hair sheath

1846 Joined Naval Medical Service as Assistant Surgeon on the Survey Ship HMS *Rattlesnake* Undertook scientific study of sea creatures

1847-1850 On voyage worked on scientific papers on sea creatures and sent papers back to London via a member of the Royal Society, the ship's Captain, Owen Stanley.

1851 Elected Fellow of the Royal Society

1854 Left Navy, appointed Lecturer in Natural History at School of Mines, Jermyn Street, worked on fossil anatomy and classification

1859 Defended Darwin for his publication *Origin of the Species* 1859 and his theory of evolution

1860 Defended Darwin against the Bishop of Oxford at the British Association meeting

1862 Royal Commission on Scottish Herring Trawler Acts

1864-1865 Royal Commission on Sea Fisheries of the UK

1866 Commission on Royal College of Science for Ireland

1866-1880 Principal of South London Working Mens' College

1868 First described the evolutionary link of birds and dinosaurs

1869 President of Geological Society; coined word 'Agnostic'

1870 Elected to London School Board; Royal Commission on Scientific Instruction (Devonshire Commission)

1871 Secretary of the Royal Society

1881-1885 Dean of Normal School Science (Later Royal College of Science); Inspector of Salmon Fisheries

1887 Working on the Alpine plants, gentians

1888 Trustee British Museum; Copley Medal of Royal Society

1889 Began agnosticism controversy

1892 Privy Councillor; working on University of London Reform

1893 Romanes Lecturer, Oxford

1895 Died