

Eugenics

Evolution

Fundamentalism

Scopes Trial

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1-How did evolution challenge the Bible's accounts?

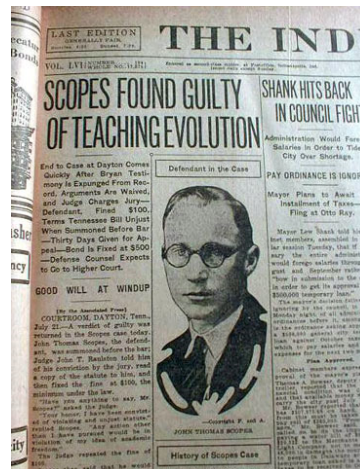
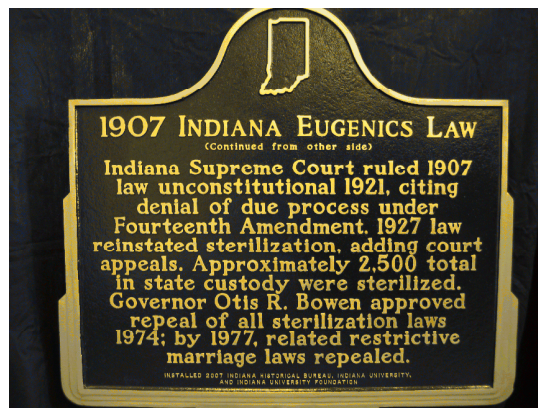
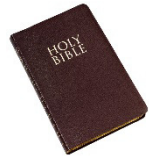
2-What is meant by "higher criticism"?

Scopes Monkey Trial

3-What was Scopes charged with?

4-Who prosecuted Scopes?

5-Why was this trial such a focal point for the nation?



# Science/Beliefs in 1920s

- **Eugenics**
- Starts in the late 1800s in Europe and US during the Progressive Movement
- Science of improving the “stock” of the “human species”
- The want of increased “desirable traits” of humans to reproduce, and the “undesirable” to not
- Tied to Darwinism; Gives rise to contraceptives, abortion, and the Nazi’s Final Solution

# Science/Beliefs in 1920s

- **Evolution**
- Darwin's idea of evolution evolves more than just scientific thought
- Social Darwinism and Eugenics are directly tied to this philosophy
- Darwin's theories also challenge the Biblical account of creation
- Many traditionalists feel as if the Bible and other beliefs are under attack in the US

# Science/Beliefs in 1920s

- **Fundamentalism**
- Science and the horrible nature of WW1 led many to question religious faith
- Many in the US still held onto the fundamental belief in the Bible's accuracy
- Fundamentalism gained momentum in the early 1900s
- It is the belief in the literal truth in the Bible and its teachings

# Science/Beliefs in 1920s

- **Scopes Trial**
- Fundamentalism vs. Darwinism clashed in 1925 in Tennessee
- Nicknamed “the Monkey Trial”, it centers around John Scopes and teaching evolution in high school
- Scopes violated a TN law that you couldn’t teach evolution
- The trial turned into a circus and was a national event. Scopes was found guilty.