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BIOL200 Speciation

Purpose:

The purpose of the lab report is to illustrate what happens when a population is geographically divided into many groups by natural occurrence, forming a natural barrier. It also illustrates how the physical and occasionally interactive behavior of an organism will only permit them to breed with another organism that has reproductive behavior.

Introduction:

This is an examination of speciation and the barriers of diverse species producing life forms and their capabilities of reproducing female and male offspring. It is an observation of a natural occurrence when two species are separated by time or space, evolving into a new form of species. According to scientists, "It is assumed that topographical separation is a general reason for the course of speciation in continental waterway isolation, highland isolation, island drift, organismic migration, and what was previously a dispersed population is now split into more than one distinctive population" (Berkeley University, n.d.). Therefore, scientists believe, "It is not necessarily a physical barrier such as a waterway that divides the groups of organisms—it might just be environmental substitution among the local populations that keeps them from mating together" (Berkeley University, n.d.). The lab analysis will prove that organisms separated by time and space will not have the possibility of producing offspring together through reproduction.