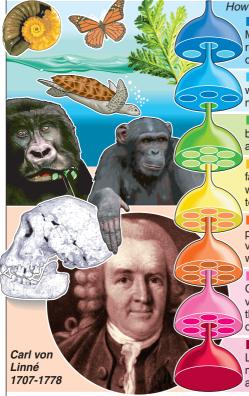
## **Linnaeus - father of modern taxonomy**

Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus gave the modern classification of nature consistency by ordering the animal, plant and mineral kingdoms in a hierarchy and defining each species by a double name in Latin. The first referred to the genus and the second a descriptive name for each species



How Linnaeus classified humans

KINGDOM: Animalia

Multicellular, heterotrophic –
rely directly or indirectly on other
organisms for nourishment

PHYLUM: Chordata. Animals with notochord – hollow dorsal nerve cord, and backbone

CLASS: *Mammalia*. Warmblooded vertebrates with hair and mammary glands

ORDER: *Primates*. Forwardfacing vision, grasping hands with five fingers, two types of teeth – incisors and molars

■ FAMILY: Hominidae. Upright posture, large brain, stereoscopic vision, flat face, hands and feet with different specializations

■ GENUS: Homo. Latin for "man". Genus describes a group of very closely related species, thought to have diverged from one another relatively recently

SPECIES: Homo sapiens.
Latin for "wise" or "knowing man",
noted for desire to understand
and influence the world

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