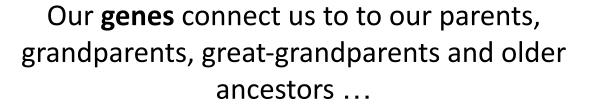
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Let us follow this **genetic road** into the past, thousands and lakhs of years ago.

What might we find on this road?

Our great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-...
grandparents (ancestors) look more and more different from us.

Parents
reproduce and
pass on their
genes to their
children

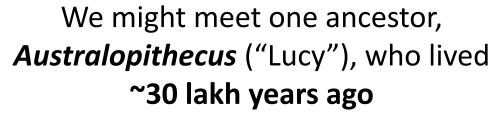


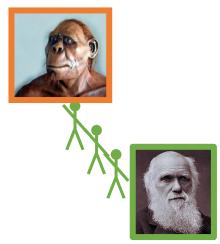
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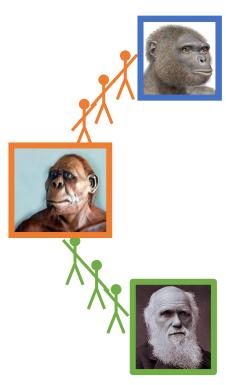
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We go more into the past and meet another ancestor, *Ardipithecus*, who lived ~50 lakh years ago.

This ancestor looks even more different!

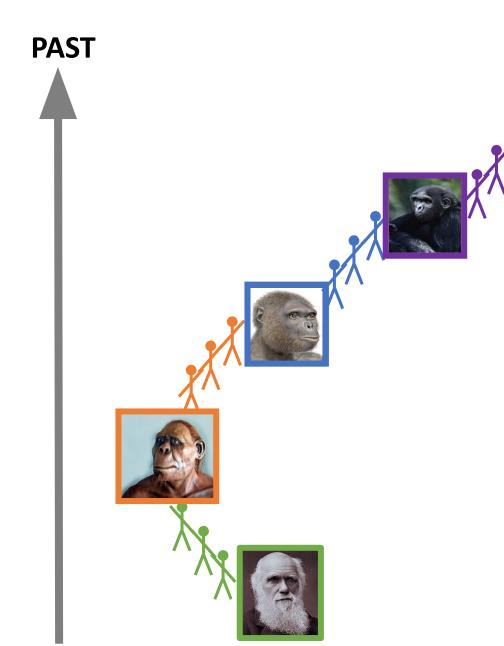
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Going even more into the past, we meet an even more ancient ancestor,

Sahelanthropus, who looks even more different!

Sahelanthropus lived

~70 lakh years ago.



Suddenly, at ~ 80 lakh years ago, we see a branch in the road!

Shall we keep going deeper into the past?

Shall we take the new road, which brings us back to the present?

Let us take the U-turn to see what this new road shows us

