

## **Vocabulary: Evaluating Scientific Explanations**

- Ockham's razor the general principle that an explanation requiring many unconfirmed hypotheses is less likely than an explanation requiring fewer.
  - o Ockham's razor is named after Sir William of Ockham, a 14<sup>th</sup>-century monk.
- Principle of parsimony a synonym for Ockham's razor.

