The Evolution of Candy Bars Assignment

Objective: To help you understand how cladistic analysis is performed

Procedure: You will be given several different “taxa” of candy bar. You are welcome to taste the samples as you work, but make sure some of each bar is left for examination. You and your group will assign characters and states to the candy taxa, decide what is synapomorphic, and sketch a cladogram (tree), marking where new characters or states arise.