2017 - 2018 Curriculum Catalog

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Biology Course Overview

Biology is intended to expose students to the designs and patterns of living organisms that have been created by God. In preceding years, students should have developed a foundational understanding of life sciences. This biology course will expand upon that knowledge and incorporate more abstract knowledge. The student's understanding should encompass both the micro and macro aspects of life and this biology course includes both. The major concepts covered are taxonomy, the chemical basis of life, cellular structure and function, genetics, microbiology, botany, human anatomy and physiology, and ecological principles.

Students at this level should show development in their ability and understanding of scientific inquiry. The units contain experiments and projects that seek to develop a deeper conceptual meaning for the student and actively engage the student. The continued exposure of science concepts and scientific inquiry will serve to improve the student's skill and understanding.

Biology should be preceded or accompanied by an Algebra I course.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Classify different animals using taxonomy.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of molecular structure as it relates to organic compounds.
- Use a microscope to study microscopic organisms.
- Describe cells, their different parts, and the function of a cell.
- Discuss the different parts of a plant.
- Describe and explain the function of each system in the human body.
- Perform Punnett square functions to determine probability of inheritance.
- Differentiate between mitosis and meiosis and between asexual and sexual reproduction.
- Understand the impact man has on the environment.

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Unit 1: Taxonomy: Key to Organization

Assignments

1. Course Overview
2. The History of Taxonomy
3. Quiz 1
4. Binomial Nomenclature
5. Concept of Species
6. Quiz 2
7. Plant and Animal Classification
8. Experiment: Fruit
9. Activity: Keying Plants*
10. Activity: Keying Animals*
11. Search For A System
12. Quiz 3
13. Taxonomy and Origins
14. Models of Origin
15. Project: Research
16. Project: Origins*
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Unit 2: Chemistry of Life

Assignments

1. Molecular Basis of Life
2. Quiz 1
3. Properties of Compounds
4. Experiment: Static Electricity
5. Covalent Bonding
6. Experiment: Temperature Control*
7. Importance of Inorganic Compounds
8. Experiment: Water Properties
9. Experiment: Indicators*
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12. Quiz 3
13. Organic Compounds
14. Carbohydrates
15. Experiment: Starch*
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19. Enzymes
20. Experiment: Digestion*
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Unit 3: Cells

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1. The Cell - An Introduction
2. The Microscope
3. Experiment: Introducing the Microscope
4. Experiment: Plant, Animal, and Algae Cells
5. Experiment: Onion Cells*
6. Quiz 1
7. Cell Design
8. Cell Membrane Function
9. Project: Virtual Lab - Osmosis
10. Experiment: Osmosis
11. Organelles
12. Production of Needed Material
13. Quiz 2
14. Cells in Organisms
15. Experiment: Tissues*
16. Quiz 3
17. Special Project*
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Unit 4: Cell Division and Reproduction

Assignments

1. Cell Division
2. Meiosis
3. Stages of Mitosis
4. Experiment: Mitosis
5. Quiz 1
6. Asexual Reproduction
7. Experiment: Regeneration*
8. Plants
9. Experiment: Bulb Structure*
10. Practical Applications in Plants
11. Experiment: Cuttings*
12. Quiz 2
13. Sexual Reproduction
14. Fertilization
15. Experiment: Sexual Reproduction*
16. Quiz 3
17. Sexual Reproduction in Animals
18. Experiment: Tissue Structure
19. Metamorphosis
20. Quiz 4
21. Sexual Reproduction in Plants
22. Life Cycles of Ferns and Pines
23. Experiment: Ferns and Pines*
24. Experiment: Flowers*
25. Quiz 5
26. Special Project*
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Unit 5: Genetics: God's Plan of Inheritance

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1. Genetics: God's Plan of Inheritance
2. Probabilities
3. Experiment: Probability
4. Cross Predictions
5. Application of Mendelian Genetics
6. Quiz 1
7. Chromosome Basis of Heredity
8. Chromosomes in Meiosis
9. Sex Chromosomes
10. Quiz 2
11. Molecular Genetics
12. Experiment: Molecular Genetics
13. Quiz 3
14. Human Genetics
15. Factors Studied
16. Inherited Diseases
17. Quiz 4
18. Special Project*
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Unit 6: Microbiology

Assignments

1. Microbial Taxonomy
2. Fungi
3. Experiment: Fungus All Around (Part 1)
4. Experiment: Fungus All Around (Part 2)
5. Quiz 1: Microbial Taxonomy and Fungi
6. Animal-like Protists
7. Experiment: Protozoan Culture
8. Quiz 2: Animal-like Protists
9. Plant-like Protists (Algae)
10. Fungus-like Protists
11. Quiz 3: Plant- and Fungus-like Protists
12. Eubacteria
13. Activity: Pathogenic Bacteria Report
14. Archaea
15. Viruses, Prions, and Viroids
16. Experiment: Algae Observations
17. Quiz 4: Eubacteria, Archaea, Viruses, Prions, and Viroids
18. Special Project*
19. Test: Microbiology
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Unit 7: Plants: Green Factories

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2. Parts of the Plant Cell
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5. How do Plants Grow?
6. Experiment: Seeds
7. Developmental Anatomy
8. Quiz 2
9. How do Plants Work?
10. Photosynthesis: A Closer Look
11. Experiment: Terrarium*
12. Respiration
13. Quiz 3
14. How do Plants Help People?
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16. Special Project*
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Unit 8: Human Anatomy and Physiology

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2. Excretory System
3. Respiratory System
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6. Experiment: Heart Rate
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8. Body Framework
9. Muscular System
10. Experiment: Muscle Types*
11. Reproductive System
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14. Sensory Systems: The Eye
15. Sensory Systems: Hearing, Taste, Touch
16. Endocrine System
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Unit 9: Ecology, Pollution, and Energy

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2. Environmental Factors
3. Food Chains
4. Quiz 1
5. Ecological Relationships
6. Communities and Habitats
7. Experiment: Habitats
8. Experiment: Biomes*
9. Experiment: Quadrats*
10. Experiment: Inventory*
11. Quiz 2
12. Pollution Affects Ecology
13. Pollution Problems
14. Quiz 3
15. Energy Affects Ecology
16. Essay: Stewardship
17. Quiz 4
18. Special Project*
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Unit 10: Principles and Applications of Biology

Assignments

1. Study of Life
2. Definition of Life
3. Quiz 1
4. Basic Principles of Life
5. Control System
6. Environment of Life
7. Quiz 2
8. Applications of Biology
9. Green Revolution
10. Quiz 3
11. Special Project*
12. Test
13. Alternate Test*
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(*) Indicates alternative assignment