

**Title:** Unit I: Basic Biological Principles

**Subject/Course:** Biology

**Topic:** Science Process,  
Characteristics of Life, Cells  
Overview

**Grade:** 10

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### Stage 1- Desired Results

**Established Goals:**

*Student knowledge & understanding of...*

- Scientific problem solving skills
- Biological levels of organization and the relationships between levels
- Characteristics of life shared by all organisms

**Anchor Descriptors:**

**BIO. A 1.1** Explain the characteristics common to all organisms.

**BIO.A.1.2** Describe relationships between structure and function at biological levels of organization.

**BIO.B** Apply scientific thinking, processes, tools and technologies in the study of science

**Eligible Content:**

**BIO.A.1.1.1** Describe the characteristics of life shared by all prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms.

**BIO.A.1.2.2** Describe and interpret relationships between structure and function at various levels of biological organization (i.e. organelles, cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, and multicellular organisms).

**NGSS:**

**HS-LS1: From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes**

**HS-LS1-2:** Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.

**Science and Engineering Practices:**

- Developing & Using Models (HS-LS1-2)

**Disciplinary Core Ideas:**

**LS1.A:** Structure & Function

**Crosscutting Concepts**

- Systems & Systems Models (HS-LS1-2)

**Transfer:**

Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

- Apply scientific process/nature of science skills to scientific problems
- Apply knowledge of life characteristics to determine life
- Describe the interplay between organizational levels of living things

**Meaning:**

<p><b>Understandings:</b> <i>Students will understand that...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific processes and methodology enable scientists (and students) to determine solutions to problems. Application of science process clarifies understanding of the natural world</li> <li>• Life, from chemical compounds to organism to biosphere is highly organized, with relationships between levels.</li> <li>• The characteristics of life are common to all living things, from the simplest prokaryote to the most complex multicellular organism</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essential Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the goals and processes of science?</li> <li>2. What is scientific theory?</li> <li>3. How do we apply the characteristics of life to determine what is living?</li> </ol>
<b>Acquisition:</b>	
<p><i>Students will know...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of biology</li> <li>• Science process skills</li> <li>• Characteristics of life</li> <li>• Levels of organization of living things</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students will be skilled at ...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify science process skills</li> <li>2. Apply scientific method and experimental components to scientific problem scenarios</li> <li>3. Identify the characteristics of life</li> <li>4. Apply scientific process to determine life</li> <li>5. Compare and contrast prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells</li> <li>6. Explain levels of organization and their relationship</li> </ol>
<b>Stage 2- Assessment Evidence</b>	
<p><b>Unit-Based Project</b></p> <p><u>Experimental Design &amp; Characteristics of Life</u></p> <p>Using components of science process and experimental set-up, students develop and hypothesis and design a controlled experiment to test the hypothesis.</p>	<p><b>Other Evidence:</b> Chapter quizzes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science of Biology</li> </ul> <p>Unit Test: Science Process, Characteristics of Life, Biological Organization Laboratory Activities &amp; Reports</p>
<b>Stage 3- Learning Plan</b>	
<b>Pre-Assessment</b>	
<p><b>Learning Events</b></p> <p>Vocabulary: <u>CH1:</u> <i>Science, observation, inference, hypothesis, controlled experiment, independent variable, dependent variable, control group, data, theory, bias, biology, DNA, stimulus, sexual reproduction, asexual reproduction, homeostasis, metabolism, biosphere</i></p> <p>Vocabulary Lecture presentation/notes/discussion Animations/videos Chapter Section Assessment Questions</p>	<p><b>Progress-Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Do Nows</li> <li>✓ Vocabulary quizzes</li> <li>✓ Classwork/homework check</li> <li>✓ Online activities completion and accuracy check with discussion on results</li> <li>✓ Accuracy of section and chapter review questions, guided reading handouts, chapter reading synopses</li> <li>✓ Lab exercises execution &amp;</li> </ul>

<p>Exercises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific scenarios</li> <li>• Graphic organizer (pyramid) for levels of organization</li> <li>• Poster/chart comparing living vs non-living according to life characteristics, with rationale</li> </ul> <p>Online activities/webquests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific method webquest</li> <li>• Characteristics of Life webquest</li> </ul> <p>Laboratory Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific method lab activity</li> <li>• Characteristics of life lab activity</li> </ul> <p>Guided reading/Review handouts  Chapter 1 Assessment Questions  Chapter 1 Standardized Test Prep</p>	<p>data analyses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Unit project progression monitoring</li> </ul>
<p><b>Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laptops and Internet for online activities and project research</li> <li>• Powerpoint/LCD projector for lecture/discussion</li> <li>• Laboratory equipment &amp; materials for lab exercises</li> <li>• Pearson Biology: eBook, online assignments, quizzes, tests, online activities, questions, presentations, animations</li> <li>• Text companion website: <a href="http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com">www.pearsonsuccessnet.com</a></li> <li>• Discovery Streaming, TeacherTube, various online sources for visuals, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pacing Guide</b></p> <p>September  Chapters 1 &amp; 7.1/7.  Approx: 2 2 ½ weeks  1 day: Includes course overview, classroom protocols, safety, textbook distribution &amp; layout, course expectations  Review/reteach  Unit test / Unit Project due</p>