

Unit	Topic	Lesson	Lesson Objectives
Unit 1: Welcome to Biology			
What is Biology			
Biology and Biologists			
Laboratory Safety			
Demonstrate safe practices during a scientific investigation.			
Develop a plan to address specific safety concerns in the lab.			
Science Practice: Give examples of safety problems in the lab and describe how to report those problems.			
Lab: Measurement			
Demonstrate how scientific tools can be used to gather accurate measurements.			
Determine how to measure volume, mass, and density of regular and irregular objects.			
Science Practice: Develop a relationship between SI units and standard units.			
Chemical and Physical Properties of Solutions			
The Chemical Basis for Life			
Water and Life			
Acids Bases and Buffers			
Biomolecules			
Organic Molecules			
Macromolecules			
Lab: Identifying Nutrients			
Describe nutrients found in common foods such as bread, meat, juice, oil, and milk.			
Identify carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins found in food samples by conducting chemical tests.			
Science Practice: Discuss how to apply safe practices during a lab and/or field investigation.			
Vocabulary Review			
Unit 2: Cell Structure and Function			
Cellular Organization			
Cells: The Basics			
More About Cells			
Lab: Using a Compound Microscope			
Identify organelles in a cell using a microscope.			
Identify the parts of the microscope and their functions.			
Science Practice: Use appropriate scientific tools and techniques to gather data.			

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Membranes and Transport			
Cell Membranes			
Virtual Lab - The Purification of Hemoglobin			
Lab: Diffusion Across a Semi-permeable Membrane			
Describe the process of diffusion.			
Identify materials that are able to pass across a semipermeable membrane by diffusion.			
Science Practice: Apply the scientific method to given scenarios.			
Vocabulary Review			
Unit 3: The Gene			
DNA			
DNA Discovery & Structure			
DNA Replication			
From DNA to Protein			
The Transcription of DNA to RNA			
Protein Synthesis			
Lab: Building Proteins from RNA			
Demonstrate how base pairing builds proteins from RNA.			
Describe the role of RNA in the creation of proteins.			
Science Practice: Conduct a laboratory experiment to answer a specific question.			
Interactive Exercise - Proteins from Genes			
Types of Genomes			
Eukaryotic Genomes			
Viral & Bacterial Genomes			
Exploration - Bacterial Gene Expression			
Biotechnology			
Applications of Biotechnology			
Virtual Lab - Principles of Biotechnology			
Vocabulary Review			

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Unit 4: Principles of Heredity			
The Reproduction of Cells			
The Cell Cycle & Mitosis			
Sexual Life Cycle & Meiosis			
Interactive Exercise - Mitosis and Meiosis			
Patterns of Inheritance			
The Mendelian Model of Inheritance			
Extensions of Mendel			
Exploration - Pedigree Analysis			
The Chromosomal Basis of Heredity			
Genes & Chromosomes			
Virtual Lab - Virtual Fly Lab			
Lab: Mouse Genetics (One Trait)			
Demonstrate how dominant and recessive alleles are passed from parents to offspring.			
Science Practice: Evaluate data to formulate a conclusion.			
Use the laws of inheritance to breed mice with desired genotypes for fur color.			
Lab: Mouse Genetics (Two Traits)			
Demonstrate how alleles are passed independently of one another.			
Science Practice: Evaluate data to formulate a conclusion.			
Use the laws of inheritance to describe how two separate traits are inherited in an organism.			
Vocabulary Review			
Unit 5: Evolutionary Biology			
The Theory of Evolution			
Darwin in Historical Context			
Mechanisms of Evolution			
Lab: Natural Selection			
Identify natural selection as a mechanism for the evolution of a population.			
Science Practice: Decide whether specific questions can be answered using scientific investigation.			
Virtual Lab - Population Genetics and Evolution			
The Origin of Species			
Speciation			
Vocabulary Review			

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Unit 6: Biological Diversity			
The Family Tree of Life			
Systematics: Classifying Organisms			
The History of Life on Earth			
Lab: Using a Dichotomous Key			
Distinguish various forms of observable traits of an organism.			
Science Practice: Evaluate data to draw a conclusion.			
Use a dichotomous key to identify unknown organisms.			
Single-Celled Organisms			
Prokaryotes			
Unicellular Eukaryotes			
Still Life: Plants and Fungi			
Plants and Their Relatives			
The Fungi			
Interactive Exercise - Lifestyles of the Plants and Fungi			
The Diversity of Animals			
An Introduction to the Animals			
From Invertebrates to Vertebrates			
Exploration - Comparative Anatomy			
Vocabulary Review			
Unit 7: The Energetics of Life			
Principles of Bioenergetics			
Cellular Energy Currency			
Enzymes and Metabolism			
Virtual Lab: Enzyme Catalysis			
Exploration Activity: Enzyme Regulation			
Central Catabolic Pathways			
An Overview of Metabolism			
Glycolysis			
The TCA Cycle			

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Electron Transport and Cellular Respiration			
Electron Transport, ATP Synthesis, and Chemiosmosis			
Interactive Exercise - Cellular Respiration in Seeds			
Unit 8: Animal Structure, Reproduction, and Development			
Structural Organization of Animals			
Animal Form and Function			
Reproduction & Development in Animals			
Animal Reproduction			
Animal Development			
Interactive Exercise - Human Reproductive Anatomy			
Unit 9: Circulation, Body's Defenses, Nutrition			
Circulation and Gas Exchange			
The Circulatory System			
Lab: Blood Typing			
Demonstrate how blood clots are formed.			
Identify blood types based on blood-clotting factors.			
Science Practice: Discuss how to apply safe practices during a lab and/or field investigation.			
The Respiratory System			
Virtual Lab: Cardiovascular Health			
The Body's Defenses			
The Lymphatic System and the Blood			
Nonspecific Immune Defenses			
Specific Immune Defenses			
Lab: Disease Spread			
Demonstrate how diseases are spread by human contact.			
Science Practice: Use a model to simulate a real-world situation.			
Types of Genomes			
Diet and Feeding Mechanisms			
The Digestive System			
Osmoregulation and Excretion			
Vocabulary Review			

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Unit 10: Nervous System and Internal Controls			
Osmoregulation and Excretion			
Nervous Systems and Sensation			
How Nerves Work			
Chemical Signals in Animals			
Hormones			
The Endocrine System			
The Musculoskeletal System			
Skeletons			
Muscle Structure and Contraction			
Vocabulary Review			
Unit 11: Plants: Form and Function			
The Structure of Plants			
Plant Nutrition			
Exploration Activity: Plant Tissues and Organs			
Virtual Lab - Transpiration in Plants			
Vocabulary Review			
Plant Energetics			
Introduction to Photosynthesis			
The Light Reactions			
The Calvin-Benson Cycle			
Plant Reproduction, Development, and Control			
Plant Reproduction and Development			
Control Systems in Plants			
Unit 12: Ecology			
Populations and Ecosystems			
The Natural Setting			
Population Ecology			
Community Ecology			
Lab: Interdependence of Organisms			
Describe the interdependent relationship between two organisms.			
Science Practice: Formulate explanations by using logic and evidence.			

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Ecosystems			
			Energy Flow and the Water Cycle
			Chemical Element Cycles
			Conservation Biology
			Interactive Exercise - Primary Productivity
			Interactive Exercise - Dynamic Ecosystems
Behavioral Ecology			
			Basics of Behavior
			Social Behavior
			Virtual Lab - Animal Behavior
			Vocabulary Review