

Reading Guide: Chapter 1.2, Themes and Concepts of Biology

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1. From the beginning biology has wrestled with three questions:

What _____ make something alive?

How do we find meaningful levels of _____ in its structure?

How do we _____ the different kinds of organisms?

2. Organisms are highly _____, coordinated structures that consist of one or more _____.

3. Movement away or toward light is called _____

4. When reproduction occurs, _____ are passed to the offspring.

Are two parents necessary for reproduction? _____

5. Genes provide instructions for organisms' growth and _____

6. Regulation refers to mechanisms that:

_____ internal functions

_____ to stimuli

cope with environmental _____

7. What is homeostasis? _____

8. All organisms require _____ for their metabolic processes.

9. What is the smallest and most fundamental unit of matter? _____

10. What is a macromolecule? _____

What is an example of a macromolecule? _____

11. What is the difference between a prokaryote and a eukaryote? _____

12. Cells combine to make _____ which combine to make _____

13. All the individuals of a species living in an area is a _____

14. The source of the diversity of life is _____

15. What is a phylogenetic tree? _____



Evolution Connection: Carl Woese and the Phylogenetic Tree

16. The organization of organisms into the five kingdoms was based on _____

17. Carl Woese proposed that life on earth evolved along three lineages, or domains. What are they?

18. What organisms belong to the domain Eukarya? _____

19. Why was Woese's approach revolutionary? _____

20. Briefly describe what each of the branches of science study:

Microbiology _____ Forensic Scientist _____

Neurobiology (neuroscience) _____ Paleontology _____

Zoology _____ Botany _____