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<td>The human body is composed of atoms, molecules, cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems that have specific functions and interactions</td>
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<td>Geologic time, history, and changing life forms are indicated by fossils and successive sedimentation, folding, faulting, and uplifting of layers of sedimentary rock</td>
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Colorado 21st Century Skills

- Critical Thinking and Reasoning: Thinking Deeply, Thinking Differently
- Information Literacy: Untangling the Web
- Self-Direction: Own Your Learning
- Invention: Creating Solutions

Reading & Writing Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6 - 12

**Reading Standards**
- Key Ideas & Details
- Craft And Structure
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
- Range of Reading and Levels of Text Complexity

**Writing Standards**
- Text Types & Purposes
- Production and Distribution of Writing
- Research to Construct and Present Knowledge
- Range of Writing

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## Unit Title
It’s All About You: From Cells to Organisms

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<td>SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2, SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3</td>
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### Inquiry Questions (Engaging-Debatable):
- Does structure follow function or does function follow structure in living organisms?
- How can the human body be explained as systems within systems?

### Length of Unit
7-9 weeks

### Unit Strands
Life Science

### Concepts
Systems, Structure, Function, Interactions, Models, Scale, Cells, Human Body, Organism, Relationship

### Generalizations

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<td>The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-E0.b;IQ.2)</td>
<td>What are the major body systems within the human body and the organs that make up each body system? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-E0.a)</td>
<td>How do multiple different systems within the human body interact to perform an important function (for example: providing glucose to a neuron in the brain)? What is the most important component of a cell for it to still perform its functions as a cell? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.a)</td>
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<td>Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-E0.c;N.1)</td>
<td>What are the major components of a plant cell, animal cell, and a single-celled organism? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.b,c)</td>
<td>What makes one model of an organ system or a cellular organelle better than another model? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.a,b)</td>
<td>How are all living things both similar and different in terms of structure and function? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-E0.b)</td>
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<td>The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.a;IQ.1) and (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-E0.b)</td>
<td>What is the difference between plant cells, animal cells, and single-celled organisms? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.b,c)</td>
<td>How are structure and function related in a given organ or cellular organelle (for example: heart, cell membrane)?</td>
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<td>Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.a,b)</td>
<td>What are the necessary functions for life? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.a;IQ.1)</td>
<td>How do cells extract energy from food and eliminate waste similar to the human body? (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-E0.c;IQ.3)</td>
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## Critical Content:

**My students will Know...**

- The composition of the human body (atoms, molecules, cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems and their specific functions and interactions) (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2)
- The inter-related nature of structure and function in living things (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2, 3)
- The functions of cells as the smallest unit of life that can function independently and perform all the necessary functions of life (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3)
- The similarities and differences between plant cells, animal cells, and single-celled organisms (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-EO.3)
- The development and refinement of our understanding of cells over centuries of studies by many scientists (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3; N.1)
- How each body system contributes to supporting the life of the organism (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2; IQ.1)
- The different body systems (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-EO.a)

## Key Skills:

**My students will be able to (Do)...**

- Develop and design a scientific investigation about human body systems (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-EO.a)
- Develop, communicate, and justify an evidence-based scientific explanation regarding the functions and interaction of the human body (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-EO.b)
- Gather, analyze, and interpret data and models on the functions and interactions of the human body (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.2-EO.c)
- Draw, label, describe, and explain the cell, its organelles, and their functions, in plant cells, animal cells, and single-celled organisms (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3)
- Gather, analyze, and interpret data and models on the different types of cells, their structures, components and functions (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-EO.a)
- Develop, communicate, and justify an evidence-based scientific explanation regarding cell structures, components, and their specific functions (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-EO.b)
- Compare and contrast the basic structures and functions of plant cells, animal cells, and single-celled organisms (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-EO.c)
- Employ tools to gather, view, analyze, and report results for the scientific investigations of cells (SC.09-GR.7-S.2-GLE.3-EO.d)

### Critical Language:

Includes the Academic and Technical vocabulary, semantics, and discourse which are particular to and necessary for accessing a given discipline.

**EXAMPLE:** A student in Language Arts can demonstrate the ability to apply and comprehend critical language through the following statement: "Mark Twain exposes the hypocrisy of slavery through the use of satire."

**A student in ___________ can demonstrate the ability to apply and comprehend critical language through the following statement(s):**

The structure of an organ or an organelle helps it to perform its main function. For example, the heart is a muscular organ with multiple chambers that allow it to perform its function of pumping blood throughout the body.

### Academic Vocabulary:

- systems, structure, function, interactions, models, scale, compare, contrast

### Technical Vocabulary:

- cells, human body, organism, organelle, organ system, organ, tissue, atom, molecule
### Unit Description:
This unit focuses on the structure and function from the cellular level to the organism within all living things including single-cell and multi-cell organisms. This unit describes homeostasis and interconnectedness of cellular organization to system functions. Beginning with cell theory, across the unit students investigate macromolecules, pro- and eukaryotic cells, active and passive transport, levels of organization, the structure and function of body systems, and the interconnectedness amongst systems. The unit culminates in a performance assessment that asks students to analyze the impacts of organ failure or disease on organ systems.

### Considerations:
- **Consideration:** Homeostasis is not an isolated unit, but should be integrated throughout each organ system. Inter-connectedness of organ systems should be constantly communicated as the teacher introduces additional systems. Some organ systems are more closely related (e.g., Circulatory and Respiratory) and deserve more attention to those relationships. The original units length of instruction was set at 7-9 weeks, however this instructional build-out may take closer to 9-11 weeks. Teachers may consider adding photosynthesis and respiration to the beginning of this unit to ground the student in cellular energy.
- **Possible misconceptions:** Atoms and Cells are the same thing (Basic Building Block of Matter vs. Basic Building Block of Life). All bacteria make us sick. Digestion starts in the stomach. Respiration and breathing are the same thing.

### Unit Generalizations

#### Key Generalization:
The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.

#### Supporting Generalizations:
- Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.
- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.

### Performance Assessment: The capstone/summative assessment for this unit.

#### Claims:
(Key generalization(s) to be mastered and demonstrated through the capstone assessment.)
The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.

#### Stimulus Material:
(Engaging scenario that includes role, audience, goal/outcome and explicitly connects the key generalization.)
You are a healthcare professional at the local hospital and throughout the day you see many patients. Select four patient cases that most interest you, identify the primary system and discuss the key functions and organs of that system impacted in each case. Then evaluate the impact of at least two other organ systems that are either compromised* by or must compensate* for loss of homeostasis. You must present your findings (formal written report, oral presentation, etc.) and defend your answers using text evidence and specifically address concerns around structure and function.

*compromised (work less efficiently)
*compensate (work harder)
Product/Evidence:  
(Expected product from students)

Students will be presented with various case studies (role play, video, case files, etc.) demonstrating symptoms of systems that are not in homeostasis (e.g., broken femur, severe headache [concussion], diarrhea, trouble breathing, etc.). Students must analyze the primary system impacted then evaluate at least two other systems that are either compromised by or must compensate for loss of homeostasis. They must present their findings (formal written report, oral presentation, etc.) and support their choices using text evidence and specifically address concerns around structure and function.

Differentiation:  
(Multiple modes for student expression)

- The teacher may provide multiple choice questions for the identification of organ systems for each scenario.
- The teacher may provide framed sentences for responses to questions.
- The teacher may provide reading materials at various Lexile levels.
- The teacher may allow oral presentation in place of written report.
- The teacher may allow students to choose one other system to evaluate instead of two.
- The teacher may modify the number of case studies.
- The teacher may guide student choices of case studies based on level of difficulty.

http://www.wordsift.com/ (Quickly identifies important words; provides pictures and resources to reinforce meaning.)

- To extend this work, students will research an actual diagnosis and course of treatment OR apply their understanding of the case studies with those of plants/ecosystems OR choose more than two systems that interact with the primary system.

| Texts for independent reading or for class read aloud to support the content |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| **Informational/Non-Fiction**                  |                 | **Fiction**       |
| The Magic School Bus: Inside the Human Body - Joanna Cole Scholastic [lexile level AD520] |                 |                  |
| Bones: Skeletons and How They Work - Steve Jenkins Scholastic [lexile level 640-860] |                 |                  |

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| **1. Description:** Think like a scientist: Scientific method and experimentation | **Teacher Resources:** http://www.brainpopjr.com/science/scienceskills/scientificmethod/grownups.weml (Near middle of page teacher resources page with activities)  
http://undsci.berkeley.edu/teaching/misconceptions.php (A list of common misconceptions about the nature of science) |
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<td>Analyze experimental results with respect to their support of the hypothesis</td>
<td><a href="http://www.livescience.com/6727-invisible-gorilla-test-shows-notice.html">http://www.livescience.com/6727-invisible-gorilla-test-shows-notice.html</a> (Video in which most people fail to observe large “gorilla” moving across room)</td>
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<td>Identify possible sources of error</td>
<td><a href="http://www.shodor.org/succeed-1.0/forensic/teacher/lessons/observation.html">http://www.shodor.org/succeed-1.0/forensic/teacher/lessons/observation.html</a> (Lesson plan devoted to developing observation skills)</td>
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<td>Investigate structure through dissections</td>
<td><a href="http://edtech2.boisestate.edu/pattymcginnis/592/Files/506%20Lesson%201%20Virtual%20Tour%20of%20the%20Microscope.pdf">http://edtech2.boisestate.edu/pattymcginnis/592/Files/506%20Lesson%201%20Virtual%20Tour%20of%20the%20Microscope.pdf</a> (Complete lab activity to introduce the microscope and its use)</td>
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<td><a href="http://edtech2.boisestate.edu/pattymcginnis/506/Cell_Site/506_microscope.html">http://edtech2.boisestate.edu/pattymcginnis/506/Cell_Site/506_microscope.html</a> (History of microscope)</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.udel.edu/biology/ketcham/microscope/scope.html">http://www.udel.edu/biology/ketcham/microscope/scope.html</a> (Virtual tour of the microscope)</td>
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<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of key scientific language through white board checks, quizzes, Pictionary, charades, etc.</td>
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### Prior Knowledge and Experiences

Students must have a basic understanding of structure and function, the names and functions of body organs, the concept of cause and effect, photosynthesis, organism, models and their uses, atomic structure, living versus nonliving, metric system, scale, and the difference between qualitative and quantitative data.

Vertical Articulation: The last time students have seen the concepts within this unit was in 5th grade and 2nd-PK.

### Learning Experience # 1

**Instructional Timeframe:** Weeks 1

**Learning Experience # 1**

The teacher may lead a discussion on the cell theory so that students can understand that cells are the basic unit of life and that there are living and nonliving things.

**Generalization Connection(s):**

The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.

Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.

**Teacher Resources:**

## Student Resources:

- [http://d43fweuh3sg51.cloudfront.net/media/assets/wgbh/tdc02/tdc02_doc_explorcharac/tdc02_doc_explorcharac.pdf](http://d43fweuh3sg51.cloudfront.net/media/assets/wgbh/tdc02/tdc02_doc_explorcharac/tdc02_doc_explorcharac.pdf) (Chart/Checklist to help distinguish between living and nonliving things.)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuJqqiATlqw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuJqqiATlqw) (Cell theory video/song)

## Assessment:

Students will record observations (written or drawings) in their science notebook and take a quiz on differentiating living and nonliving things.

## Differentiation:

(Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding.)

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<td>The teacher may allow the use of sentence frames <a href="http://www.wordsift.com/">http://www.wordsift.com/</a> (Quickly identifies important words; provides pictures and resources to reinforce meaning)</td>
<td>The student may report observations verbally The student may draw pictures of observations of specimens The student may manipulate pictures into living and nonliving</td>
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## Extensions for depth and complexity:

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<td>The teacher may have students research Robert Hooke to identify his contributions to the cell theory and find similarities and differences between living and nonliving things</td>
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## Critical Content:

- Cell theory
- Cells are the basic unit of life
- Robert Hooke

## Key Skills:

- Identify cells as the basic unit of life
- Compare and contrast living and nonliving things

## Critical Language:

Cell, theory, differentiate, identify, living, nonliving, observations, compare and contrast, life, identify

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Learning Experience # 2 - 4  
Instructional Timeframe: Weeks 1-3
The teacher may introduce the concept of macromolecules (lipids, proteins, nucleic acids, and carbohydrates) in cells so that the students can understand the components of living things as a progression from the atomic, to the molecular, to the cellular level.

**Generalization Connection(s):**
- Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.
- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.

**Teacher Resources:**

**Student Resources:**
- [http://www.chem4kids.com/files/bio_intro.html](http://www.chem4kids.com/files/bio_intro.html) (Website written for kids discussing the roles of macromolecules and other topics in biochemistry)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt9u7CfVoc4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt9u7CfVoc4) (YouTube song made by a high school student about types of molecules)

**Assessment:**
The students will use a cluster web to recall and identify a specific macromolecule and its role.

**Differentiation:**
(Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding.)
- **Access (Resources and/or Process):**
  - The teacher may pre-teach vocabulary (sound-it-out guide)
  - The teacher may provide visual notes of roles (i.e., cell phone = communication, car = transport, etc.)
  - The teacher may provide a word bank for quiz
  - [http://www.wordsift.com/](http://www.wordsift.com/) (Quickly identifies important words; provides pictures and resources to reinforce meaning.)

- **Expression (Products and/or Performance):**
  - The student may use visuals/images to complete the graphic organizer

**Extensions for depth and complexity:**
- **Access (Resources and/or Process):**
  - The teacher may provide research materials for students to relate importance of macromolecules at the cellular level to how the body acquires macromolecules through food, and why good nutrition might be important
  - The teacher may allow students to create comic strips to personify macromolecules

- **Expression (Products and/or Performance):**
  - The student may write a story using an analogy for each macromolecule and present to the class
## Critical Content:
- Roles of carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, nucleic acids and water within the cell

## Key Skills:
- Summarize the roles of the different macromolecules with a cell.
- Recall and identify macromolecules

## Critical Language:
Lipids, proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, water, macromolecules, recall, identify, summarize

### Learning Experience # 3

The teacher may provide various opportunities to examine the similarities and differences between eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells so that the students can analyze, compare and contrast, and summarize the relationship between structure and function within a prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell.

**Generalization Connection(s):**
- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function
- Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level

**Teacher Resources:**
- [http://www.diffen.com/difference/Eukaryotic_Cell_vs_Prokaryotic_Cell](http://www.diffen.com/difference/Eukaryotic_Cell_vs_Prokaryotic_Cell) (Comparison/contrast chart of characteristics of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells)
- [http://etap.org/demo/biology1/instruction3tutor.html](http://etap.org/demo/biology1/instruction3tutor.html) (Can be used to provide students with disabilities the notes on topics discussed in this learning experience)

**Student Resources:**
- [http://www.diffen.com/difference/Eukaryotic_Cell_vs_Prokaryotic_Cell](http://www.diffen.com/difference/Eukaryotic_Cell_vs_Prokaryotic_Cell) (Comparison/contrast chart of characteristics of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells)
- [www.shellyssciencespot.com](http://www.shellyssciencespot.com) (Multiple resources on cell types, structure, and function)

**Assessment:**
The students will design a cell model/diagram, explain what characteristics of this cell designate it as prokaryotic or eukaryotic, and describe how the structure and function of each cell type supports the life of the cell/organism and/or
Complete a graphic organizer comparing and contrasting pro- and eukaryotic cells.

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<td>The student may explore antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and its impact on animal life and present their findings (orally, written, etc.)</td>
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## Critical Content:

- Cells can be classified as Prokaryotic or Eukaryotic
- Eukaryotic cells can be classified as Plant, Animal, Protist or Fungi
- Prokaryotic cells have genetic material not surrounded by a membrane, whereas Eukaryotic cells have a membrane bound nucleus and organelles.
- Prokaryotic cells are simple, single-celled bacteria that have symbiotic relationships with Eukaryotic organisms.

## Key Skills:

- Explain characteristics of a cell
- Describe the structure and function of a cell and its parts
- Design a model of a cell

## Critical Language:

- Cell, cell membrane, prokaryotic, eukaryotic, structure, function, genetic material, organelles, design, describe, explain
## Learning Experience # 4

The teacher may provide various opportunities for the investigation of plant and animal cells so that the students can analyze the relationship between the structure and function of these eukaryotic cells.

### Generalization Connection(s):
- Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.
- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.

### Teacher Resources:
- [http://www.diffen.com/difference/Animal_Cell_vs_Plant_Cell](http://www.diffen.com/difference/Animal_Cell_vs_Plant_Cell) (Plant versus animal cells)
- [http://www.shellyssciencespot.com/Curriculum.htm#Cell0](http://www.shellyssciencespot.com/Curriculum.htm#Cell0) (Power Points, diagrams, lesson plans, etc.)
- [http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/sci_edu/waldron/](http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/sci_edu/waldron/) (Hands-on activities around cells and cell organelles)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Z9pqST7Zis](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Z9pqST7Zis) (A Tour of the Cell – upper level)

### Student Resources:
- [http://www.cellsalive.com/](http://www.cellsalive.com/) (Student practice for identifying organelles)
- [http://www.biologycorner.com/worksheets/cellsalive.html#.UnPca3C-2uI](http://www.biologycorner.com/worksheets/cellsalive.html#.UnPca3C-2uI) (Cell comparison lab)

### Assessment:
The students will design and construct a complete cell model/diagram, explain what characteristics of this cell designate it as prokaryotic, eukaryotic (plant or animal), and describe how the structure and function of each organelle supports the life of the cell/organism.

### Differentiation:
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<td>The student may create a picture book with cell analogies. The student may create a 3 circle Venn Diagram comparing and contrasting Plant, Animal, Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cells.</td>
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http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/venn_diagrams/ (Template for Venn diagrams)

### Critical Content:
- Cells are made up of organelles (structure) that serve specific roles (function)
- Cells can be classified as Prokaryotic or Eukaryotic
- Eukaryotic cells can be classified as Plant, Animal, Protist or Fungi

### Key Skills:
- Identify cell organelles from a diagram or model
- Analyze the structure and function of each organelle (cell analogies)
- Compare and Contrast Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cells
- Compare and Contrast Plant and Animal Cells

### Critical Language:
Cell, cell membrane, cell wall, cytoplasm, cytoskeleton, organelles, nucleus, chloroplast, mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum, golgi apparatus, vacuoles, prokaryotic, eukaryotic, plant cell, animal cell, structure, function, chlorophyll, genetic material, nuclear envelope, analogy, organism, nucleolus, compare, contrast, analyze, identify

### Learning Experience # 5

**Instructional Timeframe: Week 4**

The teacher may introduce the concepts of active and passive transport so that the students can analyze how materials pass through a membrane (endocytosis, exocytosis, diffusion, osmosis and facilitated diffusion).

**Teacher Notes:**
Teachers may use egg shell osmosis, Gummy Bear diffusion, etc.

**Generalization Connection(s):**
Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life. The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.

**Teacher Resources:**
- http://rmpbs.pbslearningmedia.org/asset/tdc02_int_membraneweb/?utm_source=teachersdomain_redirect/asset/tdc02_int_membraneweb/utm_medium=teachersdomain/asset/tdc02_int_membraneweb/utm_campaign=td_redirects (Visual representation of cell transport with various substances.)
- http://www.apsarchive.org/resource.cfm?submissionID=3688 (You Can’t Touch This: A Lesson in Diffusion- Egg Osmosis)
- http://www.polymerambassadors.org/diffusionwater.pdf (Gummy Bear Diffusion Lab Resource)
## Student Resources:
http://rmpbs.pbslearningmedia.org/asset/tdc02_int_membraneweb/?utm_source=teachersdomain_redirect/asset/tdc02_int_membraneweb/utm_medium=teachersdomain/asset/tdc02_int_membraneweb/utm_campaign=td_redirects (Visual representation of cell transport with various substances)

## Assessment:
The students will analyze lab results and create diagrams that demonstrate endocytosis, exocytosis, diffusion, osmosis and facilitated diffusion in order to infer how materials move in and out of cells.

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<td>The teacher may guide student thought processes to brainstorm real life applications</td>
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<td>The teacher may allow students to research careers and/or real life situations where knowledge of active and passive transport are necessary (e.g., food preservation, water purification, water salinity, ecology)</td>
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## Critical Content:
- Materials must move in/out of cells for cell survival (nutrients, wastes etc.)
- Diffusion
- Osmosis
- Active transport
- Passive transport
- Endocytosis
- Exocytosis
- Facilitated diffusion

## Key Skills:
- Create diagrams that demonstrate endocytosis, exocytosis, diffusion, osmosis and facilitated diffusion.
- Analyze how water diffuses through a membrane

## Critical Language:
Osmosis, diffusion, active, passive, endocytosis, exocytosis, facilitated diffusion, transport proteins, ratio, volume, surface area, equilibrium, calculate, length, width, height, concentration, vesicles, create, analyze, diagram, identify
Learning Experience # 6
Instructional Timeframe: Week 4

The teacher may provide information on cellular organization so that the students can understand and illustrate the connection of cells to tissue to organs to organ systems to organism (e.g., flow charts, specimens, diagrams).

Generalization Connection(s):
The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.
Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.
The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.
Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.

Teacher Resources:
http://www.vusd.org/webpages/rnorth/files/chp%2028.1%20-%20levels%20of%20organization.pptx (Power Point for levels of organization)

Student Resources:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QD3bF_Vy3w8 (You tube video on the levels of organization)
http://peer.tamu.edu/curriculum_modules/Cell_Biology/Module_1/index.htm (Levels of organization activities)
http://quizlet.com/4220017/levels-structural-organization-organ-systems-flash-cards/ (Levels of structural organization flashcards with voice)

Assessment:
Students will generate, through class inquiry, a flow chart that displays a hierarchy of cellular organization to demonstrate the interconnectedness from cells to tissues to organs to organ systems to organisms.

Differentiation:
(Multiple means for students to access content and multiple modes for student to express understanding.)
Access (Resources and/or Process)
The teacher may allow framed note taking
The teacher may provide a manipulative flow chart
The teacher may review and pre-teach key vocabulary
http://www.wordsift.com/ (Quickly identifies important words; provides pictures and resources to reinforce meaning)

Expression (Products and/or Performance)
The student may place manipulatives in the correct order within the flow chart
**Extensions for depth and complexity:**

**Access (Resources and/or Process):**
The teacher may allow students to investigate levels of organization with other organisms (e.g., plants, various non-human animals, etc.)

**Expression (Products and/or Performance):**
The student may create a visual presentation (Power Point, video, etc.) around different organisms and their levels of organization to demonstrate that all organisms have similar levels of organization.

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**Critical Content:**
- Levels of organization
- Body Systems
- Cell theory
- Cells
- Tissues
- Organs
- Organ Systems
- Organisms

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**Key Skills:**
- Making connections between key concepts
- Completing a flow chart

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**Critical Language:**
Cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, organisms, cell theory, illustrate, demonstrate

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**Learning Experiences # 7 – 19**

**Instructional Timeframe:** Weeks 5-9

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**Learning Experience # 7**

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **skeletal system** so that students can relate the structure and function **within** the system.

**Generalization Connection(s):**
Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.

- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.
- Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.
- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.

**Teacher Resources:**
- [http://www.gobookee.org/get_book.php?u=aHR0cDovL2FhbGVhY2hwaHlzaWNhbGVkdWNhdGlvb1dWVibHkuY29tL3VwbG9hZHVyby92LmNsYXNzOiBObGFjZSB0aGUgLi4u](http://www.gobookee.org/get_book.php?u=aHR0cDovL2FhbGVhY2hwaHlzaWNhbGVkdWNhdGlvb1dWVibHkuY29tL3VwbG9hZHVyby92LmNsYXNzOiBObGFjZSB0aGUgLi4u) (Skeletal System- Bone Memorization)
- [https://sites.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/mr-volk-s-science-website/science-content/circulatory-and-respiratory-systems](https://sites.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/mr-volk-s-science-website/science-content/circulatory-and-respiratory-systems) (Body...
## Assessment:
Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the skeletal system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

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### Critical Content:
- Structure and function of and within the skeletal system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Skeletal system (major bones, joints, ligaments, cartilage, marrow, blood production, osteocytes, etc)
- Diseases and injuries

### Key Skills:
- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

### Critical Language:
Support, movement, compact bone, spongy bone, ball and socket, hinge, pivot, ligaments, cartilage, marrow, periosteum, arthritis, osteoporosis, osteocytes, observe, dissect, diagram, gather, analyze

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<td>The teacher may provide reading material about the skeletal system for other animals so students may learn about similarities and differences between themselves and other species</td>
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<td>The teacher may have students read <em>The Blood Hungry Spleen</em> by Allan Wolf</td>
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### Learning Experience # 8
The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **muscular system** so that students can relate the structure and function within the system.

### Generalization Connection(s):
Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level
The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism
Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life
The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function

### Teacher Resources:
| **Assessment:** | Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the muscular system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects). |
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| | The teacher may use fill-in-the-blank lab write-ups | The students may complete exams orally |
| | The teacher may provide data templates | The student may relate diagrams to reality, may label the muscles on their own body or mannequin/science model using stickers |
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| | The teacher may use visual diagrams | |
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### Colorado Teacher-Authored Sample Instructional Unit

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<td>The student may use a variety of sources to learn about the muscular system and create a 3D model showing the structure. Then create a story or analogy that speaks to the system’s function. The student may create a fictional creature and describe the structure and function of the muscular system for that creature in a written report, and then classify that creature as mammal, reptile, etc. or a combination of several. The student may create their own collection of poetry modeled after <em>The Blood Hungry Spleen</em> representing the human muscular system.</td>
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#### Critical Content:
- Structure and function of and within the muscular systems (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Muscular system (types of muscles (skeletal, smooth, cardiac), involuntary and voluntary muscles, movement, tendons, etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

#### Key Skills:
- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

#### Critical Language:
- Support, movement, skeletal muscle, smooth muscle, cardiac muscle, involuntary muscle, voluntary muscle, tendons, gather, analyze, evaluate, dissect, diagram, observe, dissect, diagram, analyze, gather

#### Learning Experience # 9

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **integumentary system** so that students can relate the structure and function **within** the system.

#### Generalization Connection(s):
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.
- Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.
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#### Teacher Resources:
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<td><a href="http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20120127125646AA9EHT4">http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20120127125646AA9EHT4</a> (sprained ankle effect on all organ systems)</td>
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**Student Resources:**

- http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0774536.html (Body Systems Resources)
- http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_body/#cat20116 (Body Systems Resources)
- http://kids.discovery.com/tell-me/science/body-systems (Body Systems Resources)
- http://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/resourcesforyou/consumers/buyingusingmedicinesafely/understandingover-the-countermedicines/ucm205286.pdf (Caffeine’s effects on all human body systems)

**Assessment:**

- Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the integumentary system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

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- The teacher may provide reading material about the integumentary system for other animals so students may learn about similarities and differences between themselves and other species.
- The teacher may have students read *The Blood Hungry Spleen* by Allan Wolf

**Expression (Products and/or Performance):**

- The student may use a variety of sources to learn about the integumentary system and create a 3D model showing the structure. Then create a story or analogy that speaks to the system’s function.
- The student may create a fictional creature and describe the structure and function of the integumentary system for that creature in a written report, and then classify that creature as mammal, reptile, etc. or a combination of several.
- The student may create their own collection of poetry modeled after *The Blood Hungry Spleen* representing the human integumentary system.

### Critical Content:

- Structure and function of and within the integumentary system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Integumentary system (layers of skin (epidermis, dermis, fatty layer), melanin, keratin, temperature regulation, etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

### Key Skills:

- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

### Critical Language:

- Support, epidermis, dermis, fatty layer, melanin, keratin, temperature regulation, skin cancer, analyze, gather, dissect, observe, diagram

### Learning Experience # 10

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **circulatory system** so that students can relate the structure and function **within** the system.

**Generalization Connection(s):**

- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.
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### Teacher Resources:
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### Assessment:
Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the circulatory system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

### Differentiation:
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Expression (Products and/or Performance)
- The student may use a variety of sources to learn about the circulatory system and create a 3D model showing the structure. Then create a story or analogy that speaks to the system’s function
- The student may create a fictional creature and describe the structure and function of the circulatory system for that creature in a written report, and then classify that creature as mammal, reptile, etc. or a combination of several
- The student may create their own collection of poetry modeled after *The Blood Hungry Spleen* representing the human circulatory system

Critical Content:
- Structure and function of and within the circulatory system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Circulatory system (arteries, veins, capillaries, heart, types of circulation (systemic, coronary, pulmonary), blood clotting etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

Key Skills:
- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

Critical Language:
- Arteries, veins, capillaries, heart, types of circulation (systemic, coronary, pulmonary), atherosclerosis, heart failure, blood clots, platelets, red blood cells, white blood cell, plasma, ABO system, Rh factor, hemophilia, sickle cell, anemia, leukemia, observe, analyze, gather, dissect, diagram

Learning Experience # 11

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the respiratory system so that students can relate the structure and function within the system.

Generalization Connection(s):
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism
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## Assessment:

Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the respiratory system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

## Differentiation:

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**Access (Resources and/or Process)**
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**Expression (Products and/or Performance)**
- The student may complete labeling quizzes with either the first letter already filled in, or with a word bank
- The student may complete exams orally
- The student may relate diagrams to reality, may label the respiratory system on their own body or mannequin/science model using stickers
**Critical Content:**
- Structure and function of the respiratory system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Respiratory system (breathing, cellular respiration, gas exchange, pharynx, larynx, bronchi, bronchioles, trachea, alveoli, etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

**Key Skills:**
- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

**Critical Language:**
- Emphysema, asthma, diaphragm, breathing, cellular respiration, oxygen, carbon dioxide, pharynx, larynx, bronchi, bronchioles, trachea, alveoli, lungs, mouth, esophagus,

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**Learning Experience # 12**

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the digestive system so that students can relate the structure and function within the system.

**Generalization Connection(s):**
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism
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### Assessment:
Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the digestive system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

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**Critical Content:**

- Structure and function of and within the digestive system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Digestive system (mouth, esophagus, enzymes, types of digestion (mechanical and chemical), intestines, nutrient absorption, etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

**Key Skills:**

- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

**Critical Language:**

Movement, mouth, esophagus, enzymes, mechanical digestion, epiglottis, ileum, chemical digestion, stomach, gall bladder, small intestines, large intestine, colon, observe, gather, analyze, diagram, dissect

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**Learning Experience # 13**

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **excretory system** so that students can relate the structure and function *within* the system.

**Generalization Connection(s):**

Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level

The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism

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### Assessment:

Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for each body system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

### Differentiation:

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**Expression (Products and/or Performance):**

- The student may complete labeling quizzes with either the first letter already filled in, or with a word bank
- The student may complete exams orally
- The student may relate diagrams to reality, may label the excretory system on their own body or mannequin/science model using stickers
### Critical Content:
- Structure and function of and within the excretory system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Excretory system (removal of waste (digestive, urinary, respiratory, integumentary), etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

### Key Skills:
- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

### Critical Language:
- Bladder, kidney, nephron, ureter, urethra, nutrient absorption, filter, gather, analyze, dissect, diagram, observe

### Learning Experience # 14

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **lymphatic system** so that students can relate the structure and function within the system.

### Generalization Connection(s):
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.
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[Access (Resources and/or Process)](www.kidsbiology.com) (Site for children that describes and illustrates the different body systems)
The teacher may provide reading material about the excretory system for other animals so students may learn about similarities and differences between themselves and other species.
The teacher may have students read *The Blood Hungry Spleen* by Allan Wolf.

[Expression (Products and/or Performance)]
The student may use a variety of sources to learn about the excretory system and create a 3D model showing the structure. Then create a story or analogy that speaks to the system’s function.
The student may create a fictional creature and describe the structure and function of the excretory system for that creature in a written report, and then classify that creature as mammal, reptile, etc. or a combination of several.
The student may create their own collection of poetry modeled after *The Blood Hungry Spleen* representing the human excretory system.
### Teacher Resources:
- [http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20120127125646AA9EHT4](http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20120127125646AA9EHT4) (Sprained ankle effect on all organ systems)

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### Assessment:
Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the lymphatic system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

### Differentiation:
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The student may create their own collection of poetry modeled after *The Blood Hungry Spleen* representing the human lymphatic system |

### Critical Content:

- Structure and function of and within the lymphatic system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Lymphatic system (filter, lymph nodes, spleen, etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

### Key Skills:

- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

### Critical Language:

Lymph, lymph nodes, spleen, gather, analyze, dissect, diagram, observe

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### Learning Experience # 15

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **nervous system** so that students can relate the structure and function *within* the system.

### Generalization Connection(s):

- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism
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### Teacher Resources:
- [http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/chtouch.html](http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/chtouch.html) (Nervous System - Two Point Discrimination Activity)

### Student Resources:
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### Assessment:
Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the nervous system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

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## Critical Content:
- Structure and function of and within the nervous system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Nervous system (neurons, nerves, brain, spinal cord, response to stimuli, involuntary and voluntary, etc)
- Diseases and injuries

## Key Skills:
- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

## Critical Language:
- Neurons, nerves, brain, spinal cord, pathogens, antigens, antibodies, T cells, B cells, gather, analyze, dissect, diagram, observe

## Learning Experience # 16

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **immune system** so that students can relate the structure and function within the system.

## Generalization Connection(s):
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level
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### Assessment:

Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the immune system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

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- Structure and function of and within the immune system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Immune system (lymphocytes, pathogens, parts of immune system (skin, respiratory, digestive), antigens and antibodies, etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

### Key Skills:
- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

### Critical Language:
Pathogens, antigens, antibodies, T cells, B cells

### Learning Experience # 17

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the **reproductive system** so that students can relate the structure and function *within* the system.

### Generalization Connection(s):
- Models allow scientists to investigate and explain the various structures within an organism across a range of scales and organizational levels from the atomic to the whole-organism level.
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.
- Cells operate independently and interdependently to perform the necessary functions of life.
- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.
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#### Teacher Resources:
- [http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20120127125646AA9Eht4](http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20120127125646AA9Eht4) (sprained ankle effect on all organ systems)

#### Student Resources:
- [http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0774536.html](http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0774536.html) (Body Systems Resources)
- [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_body/#cat20116](http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_body/#cat20116) (Body Systems Resources)

#### Assessment:
Students will gather, analyze, and evaluate information related to structure and function for the reproductive system through a variety of assessments (e.g., lab reports, dissection labeling, creative writing, qualitative data, projects).

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Critical Content:

- Structure and function of and within the reproductive system (cell type, organs, etc.)
- Reproductive system (sperm, egg, ovulation, fertilization, basic anatomy, menstrual cycle, etc.)
- Diseases and injuries

Key Skills:

- Observations of organ specimens
- Dissect organ specimens
- Diagramming
- Creative writing
- Gather and analyze data

Critical Language:

Movement, sperm, egg, ovulation, fertilization, basic anatomy, menstrual cycle, observe, analyze, gather, diagram, dissect

Learning Experience # 18

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around human organ systems so that students can investigate and analyze the interconnectedness between each system.

Generalization Connection(s):

- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism

Teacher Resources:

- [http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/organ.html](http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/organ.html) (Nervous system connections)
- [http://svms.rocklinusd.org/Library/Assignments/Human-Body-Systems-Project/](http://svms.rocklinusd.org/Library/Assignments/Human-Body-Systems-Project/) (Effects of Personal Lifestyle Choices)
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### Student Resources:
- [http://at.glenview34.org/webresources/science/bodysystems.htm](http://at.glenview34.org/webresources/science/bodysystems.htm) (Links to many student sites)
- [http://www.kidinfo.com/health/human_body.html](http://www.kidinfo.com/health/human_body.html) (Links to many student sites)

### Assessment:
Students will generate a Structure and Function Matrix to ascertain how each organ system in the human body depends on the other organ systems to keep the organism alive.

### Differentiation:
(Differentiation strategies can include using various resources and/or processes to support students in accessing content and multiple modes for student to express understanding.)

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The student may create a “Fake Book” page for the excretory, nervous, and integumentary systems that describe their friend lists as well as their status updates |

### Critical Content:
- Organ Systems within an organism are interconnected.
- Structures in various organ systems work together with other organ systems to keep the organism alive.

### Key Skills:
- Diagram multiple organ systems together to show relationships
- Observe/dissect/diagram multiple organ systems to illustrate/conceptualize interconnectedness.
- Investigate and justify an organism’s need for multiple organ systems working together.

### Critical Language:
- Structure, function, organs, organ systems, analyze, relationships, interconnectedness, synthesize
Learning Experience # 19

The teacher may lead a variety of activities (e.g., microscope work, labs, dissections) around the human organ systems so students can apply and synthesize their understanding of the relationship within and interconnectedness between organ systems to maintain homeostasis within an organism.

**Generalization Connection(s):**
- The pattern of similarities and differences among structures in living things reflects the strong relationship between structure and their function.
- The structures within the human body (cells, tissues, organs, organ systems) interact with one another to perform a wide variety of functions that support the whole organism.

**Teacher Resources:**
- [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&ved=0CCsQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fst peter.pb works.com%2Ff%2FOrgan%2520Systems%2520and%2520Homeostasis%2520Ch%252013-1.ppt&ei=l9zUtqSlHgBQ&usg=AFQjCNF6u7mGymC4Y8r1Q1eGwDCwdimXkw&bvm=bv.55819444,d.aWc](Homeostasis and the body systems power point)
- [http://www.vusd.org/webpages/rnordell/files/chp%2028.2%20-%20mechanisms%20of%20homeostasis1.pptx](Homeostasis and the systems power point)

**Student Resources:**
- [http://www.classzone.com/cz/books/bio_07/resources/htmls/animated_biology/unit9/bio_ch28_0867_ab_running.html](Interactive maintaining homeostasis for a runner)

**Assessment:**
- Students will synthesize, in written form, their understanding of homeostasis in regards to organs and organ systems working together to keep organisms alive (e.g., case scenarios, paragraph writing, and summative assessment).
- [http://teachers.colonelby.com/arbogastn/eng%201D/Writing/How%20to%20Write%20an%20Expository.htm](Expository paragraph)

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**Access (Resources and/or Process):**
- [http://www.wordsift.com/](Quickly identifies important words; provides pictures and resources to reinforce meaning.)
- [https://voicethread.com/](Voicethread - must sign up but is free)

**Expression (Products and/or Performance):**
- The teacher may role-play their understanding of how systems work together to keep the organism alive.
- The student may use Voicethread to create a video of how organs work together within systems to keep an organism alive.
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### Critical Content:

- The human body uses multiple organ systems to respond to stimuli in the environment.
- Multiple systems work together to help the body to maintain homeostasis.

### Key Skills:

- Students will draw conclusions as to how the body responds to a variety of stimuli.
- Students will apply and adapt information to real-life medical situations.

### Critical Language:

- Homeostasis, structure, function, organs, organ systems, organism, respond, stimulus, draw, apply, adapt, create