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## **Unit 1: Chemistry of Life**

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## Unit Overview

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This first unit sets the foundation for students to understand the chemical basis of life, which is needed for mastery of future areas of focus and provides students with a survey of the elements necessary for carbon-based systems to function. Students learn that water and the properties of water play a vital role in the survival of individuals and biological systems. They also learn that living systems exist in a highly complex organization that requires input of energy and the exchange of macromolecules. This unit also addresses in detail how and in what conformations molecules called monomers bond together to form polymers. The structure of monomers and polymers determines their function. In the units that follow, students will need to understand and explain the interaction and bonding of atoms to form molecules.

## Enduring Understanding

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- **TOPIC 1.1 Structure of Water and Hydrogen Bonding-** Living systems are organized in a hierarchy of structural levels that interact.
- **TOPIC 1.2 Elements of Life-** The highly complex organization of living systems requires constant input of energy and the exchange of macromolecules.
- **TOPIC 1.3 Introduction to Biological Macromolecules-** Living systems are organized in a hierarchy of structural levels that interact.
- **TOPIC 1.4 Properties of Biological Macromolecules-** Living systems are organized in a hierarchy of structural levels that interact.
- **TOPIC 1.5 Structure and Function of Biological Macromolecules-** Living systems are organized in a hierarchy of structural levels that interact.
- **TOPIC 1.6 Nucleic Acids-** Heritable information provides for continuity of life.

## Essential Questions

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- What is the role of energy in the making and breaking of polymers?
- How do living systems transmit information in order to ensure their survival?
- How would living systems function without the polarity of the water molecule?
- How are biological molecules necessary for organisms to grow, to reproduce, and to maintain organization?
- How do the subcomponents of biological molecules determine the properties of that molecule?

## Exit Skills

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By the end of AP Biology Unit 1, Chemistry of Life, the student should be able to:

- Explain how the properties of water that result from its polarity and hydrogen bonding affect its biological function.
- Describe the composition of macromolecules required by living organisms.
- Describe the properties of the monomers and the type of bonds that connect the monomers in biological macromolecules.
- Explain how a change in the subunits of a polymer may lead to changes in structure or function of the macromolecule.
- Describe the structural similarities and differences between DNA and RNA.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)

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	Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.
SCI.HS-PS1-4	Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy.
SCI.HS-PS1.B	Chemical Reactions
SCI.HS-PS1-6	Refine the design of a chemical system by specifying a change in conditions that would produce increased amounts of products at equilibrium.
SCI.HS-LS1	From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes
SCI.HS-LS1-1	Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells.
	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions
	Constructing explanations and designing solutions in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to explanations and designs that are supported by multiple and independent student-generated sources of evidence consistent with scientific ideas, principles, and theories.
SCI.HS-LS1.A	Structure and Function
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SCI.HS-LS1-2	Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.
SCI.HS-LS1-3	Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that feedback mechanisms maintain homeostasis.
	Planning and Carrying Out Investigations
	Planning and carrying out in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to include investigations that provide evidence for and test conceptual, mathematical, physical, and empirical models.
SCI.HS-LS1.A	Structure and Function
SCI.HS-LS1-4	Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.
	Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.
SCI.HS-LS1.B	Growth and Development of Organisms
SCI.HS-LS1-5	Use a model to illustrate how photosynthesis transforms light energy into stored chemical energy.
	Developing and Using Models
	Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.
SCI.HS-LS1.C	Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms
SCI.HS-LS1-6	Construct and revise an explanation based on evidence for how carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen from sugar molecules may combine with other elements to form amino acids

and/or other large carbon-based molecules.

SCI.HS.LS1.C	Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms
SCI.HS-LS1-7	Use a model to illustrate that cellular respiration is a chemical process whereby the bonds of food molecules and oxygen molecules are broken and the bonds in new compounds are formed resulting in a net transfer of energy.  Modeling in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to using, synthesizing, and developing models to predict and show relationships among variables between systems and their components in the natural and designed worlds.
SCI.HS.LS1.C	Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms
SCI.HS-ESS2-2	Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth’s surface can create feedbacks that cause changes to other Earth systems.
SCI.HS.ESS2.D	Weather and Climate

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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LA.RST.9-10.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough evidence from the text to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to precise details for explanations or descriptions.
LA.RST.9-10.2	Determine the central ideas, themes, or conclusions of a text; trace the text’s explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.
LA.RST.9-10.3	Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.
LA.RST.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9-10 texts and topics.
LA.RST.9-10.7	Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words.
LA.RST.9-10.8	Determine if the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author’s claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem.
LA.RST.9-10.9	Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.
LA.WHST.9-10.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant sufficient textual and non-textual evidence.
LA.WHST.9-10.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
LA.WHST.9-10.9	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
CS.9-12.8.1.12.AP.1	Design algorithms to solve computational problems using a combination of original and existing algorithms.
CS.9-12.8.1.12.AP.2	Create generalized computational solutions using collections instead of repeatedly using simple variables.
CS.9-12.8.1.12.AP.5	Decompose problems into smaller components through systematic analysis, using constructs such as procedures, modules, and/or objects.
CS.9-12.8.2.12.IH.3	Analyze the impact that globalization, social media, and access to open source technologies has had on innovation and on a society’s economy, politics, and culture.

## Learning Objectives

- SWDAT justify the selection of data regarding the types of molecules that an animal, plant, or bacterium will take up as necessary building blocks and excrete as waste products.
- SWDAT explain the connection between the sequence and the subcomponents of a biological polymer and its properties.
- SWDAT construct explanations based on evidence of how variation in molecular units provides cells with a wider range of functions.
- SWDAT represent graphically or model quantitatively the exchange of molecules between an organism and its environment, and the subsequent uses of these molecules to build new molecules that facilitate dynamic homeostasis, growth, and reproduction.
- SWDAT refine representations and models to explain how the subcomponents of a biological polymer and their sequence determine the properties of that polymer.
- SWDAT use models to predict and justify that changes in the subcomponents of a biological polymer affect the functionality of the molecule.
- SWDAT analyze data to identify how molecular interactions affect structure and function.

**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



## Suggested Activities & Best Practices

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1. Students create mini-posters to explain how either the carbon or nitrogen cycles provide essential chemical elements to support life in an ecosystem. Students make predictions about the impact of human activity on the cycles.
2. Based on water's molecular properties, students create visual representations (e.g., diagrams or models) with annotations to explain how water travels up a 300-ft. California redwood tree.
3. Students create visual representations with annotations (e.g., diagrams or models) to explain how water's molecular structure results in unique properties and how these properties are vital to life processes.
4. Using molecular model kits, students justify the claim that organisms need the SPONCH elements to build complex molecules and recycle elements necessary for life by constructing models of key biomolecules from their monomers.
5. Students explain either through narrative or visual representations (e.g., diagram with annotation) how the SPONCH elements move from the environment to synthesize complex biomolecules (e.g., carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, nucleic acids, ATP) necessary

for cellular processes.

6. "Picture Perfect." An inquiry-based case study built on concepts relating to enzymatic activity. Students design an experiment to examine factors affecting the action of amylase on starch to identify a stain on an antique dress.

7. **AP Biology Investigation 13: Enzyme Activity.** Students design and conduct investigations to explore the effects of environmental variables on the rates of enzymatic reactions.

8. Students will investigate and report on Sally Ride, As the first LGBTQ astronaut.

9. Students will identify famous african american figures in science and share their contribution.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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Unit tests- Unit 1 Personal Progress Check from AP Classroom (Summative)

Quizzes-macromolecules quiz, enzyme quiz (Summative)

Unit review/Test prep- Campbell and Reece chapter 2,3,4,5 study guides (Formative)

Web-Based Assessments- google form quizzes (Summative)

DBQ's (Formative)

Benchmark #1 (Benchmark)

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets- google form exit ticket
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart



- Learning Center Activities
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes-macromolecules quiz, enzyme quiz
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share- large sticky posters
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep- Campbell and Reece chapter 2,3,4,5 study guides
- Unit tests- Unit 1 Personal Progress Check from AP Classroom
- Web-Based Assessments- google form quizzes
- Written Reports- CER's for lab activities

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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- Campbell and Reece, AP Biology 11th Edition (2018)- Chapters 2,3,4,5

## **Ancillary Resources**

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- Pearson Education Test Prep Series for AP Biology (2017)
- AP Biology Investigative Labs- Investigation 13: Enzyme Activity
- Campbell and Reece chapters 2,3,4,5 study guide worksheets
- Molecular model kits or alternative (e.g., foam balls and toothpicks)
- Foglia powerpoints and review guides ([www.explorebiology.com](http://www.explorebiology.com))
- PHET Interactive Simulations

## **Technology Infusion**

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- Smart TV - (Properties of Water, Biological Macromolecules, Enzymes slideshow presentations)
- Chrome Books for Projects/ Research/ Analysis
- Youtube - Amoeba sisters videos, Mr. Anderson videos, Crash course videos
- Khan Academy videos and quizzes

- Microsoft Powerpoint
- Google Drive
- Prezi
- Ted Talks
- Ted- ED
- Microsoft Excel: graphs, charts, calculations, equations

# Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
 Photostory 3  
 Kid Story Builder  
 Music Maker Jam  
 Paint A Story  
 Office 365  
 MS PowerPoint  
 Stack 'Em Up  
 NqSquared Numbers  
 Physamajig  
 Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
 Skydrive  
 Lync  
 SkyMap  
 Skype  
 Office 365  
 Puzzle Touch  
 Easy QR  
 Memorylage  
 Life Moments  
 Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
 MS Excel  
 Flipboard  
 Office 365  
 Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
 Record Voice Pen



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## Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

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WRK.9.2.12.CAP.4	Evaluate different careers and develop various plans (e.g., costs of public, private, training schools) and timetables for achieving them, including educational/training requirements, costs, loans, and debt repayment.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.5	Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and post-secondary plans.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.6	Identify transferable skills in career choices and design alternative career plans based on those skills.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.7	Use online resources to examine licensing, certification, and credentialing requirements at the local, state, and national levels to maintain compliance with industry requirements in areas of career interest.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.8	Determine job entrance criteria (e.g., education credentials, math/writing/reading comprehension tests, drug tests) used by employers in various industry sectors.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.9	Locate information on working papers, what is required to obtain them, and who must sign them.
TECH.9.4.2.CI	Creativity and Innovation
TECH.9.4.2.CI.2	Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work (e.g., 1.3A.2CR1a).
TECH.9.4.2.CT.1	Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2).
TECH.9.4.2.CT.2	Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).  Brainstorming can create new, innovative ideas.

## 21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

LA.RH.9-10.7	Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text, to analyze information presented via different mediums.
LA.RST.9-10.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough evidence from the text to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to precise details for explanations or descriptions.
LA.RST.9-10.2	Determine the central ideas, themes, or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.
LA.RST.9-10.4	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9-10 texts and topics.

## 21st Century Skills

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## Differentiation

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### Differentiations:

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

### Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects

- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

#### **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding

- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multiple test sessions
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Unit Name: Unit 1: Chemistry of Life

NJSLS: Attached

Interdisciplinary Connection: Art (sketching or building models)

Statement of Objective: SWDAT use models to predict and justify that changes in the subcomponents of a biological polymer affect the functionality of the molecule.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Teacher will show photos of water striders and giant redwood trees and pose the questions, "How does a water strider "float" on water?" "How does water travel from the roots of giant redwood trees hundreds of feet up to the leaves?" Teacher will review the properties of water responsible for allow these two situations occur such



as adhesion, cohesion, and surface tension.

Learning Activity: Students create visual representations with annotations (e.g., diagrams or models) to explain how water's molecular structure results in unique properties and how these properties are vital to life processes.

Student Assessment/CFU's: Exit Ticket- Google form questions on water's unique properties.

Materials: Smart TV for anticipatory set, chromebooks for exit ticket, poster board, coloring supplies, materials to build 3D model of water (styrofoam balls, toothpicks)

21st Century Themes and Skills: Health and Environmental Literacy

Differentiation/Modifications: Visual Representation, extra time for task completion,

Integration of Technology: Smart TV for anticipatory set, google classroom for exit ticket

NJSLS: Attached

Interdisciplinary Connection: Art (sketching or building models)

Statement of Objective: Students will investigate the climate change model

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Teacher will show photos of possible climate change evidence

Learning Activity: Students create visual representation of possible climate change evidence. ( recession of lake mead, recession of glacier national park, etc). Teacher will lead a discussion on this evidence and possible explanations.

Student Assessment/CFU's: Exit Ticket- Google form questions on climate change

Materials: Smart TV for anticipatory set, chromebooks for exit ticket, poster board, coloring supplies

21st Century Themes and Skills: Health and Environmental Literacy

Differentiation/Modifications: Visual Representation, extra time for task completion,

Integration of Technology: Smart TV for anticipatory set, google classroom for exit ticket

SCI.9-12.HS-LS1-2

Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.

SCI.HS-ESS2-4

Use a model to describe how variations in the flow of energy into and out of Earth's systems result in changes in climate.