Research paper –sample 1	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No /_ X _ N/A
Comments/Notes - The project did not require the molecular, species or ecosystem level but the cellular level was mentioned briefly.	vels. Only the individual level
<ul> <li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>- demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li> </ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes Did show the relationship between individual and cellular level but a detailed.	it would have been more
<ul><li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li></ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- the student critically analyzed strength training. Y issue.	Yes, it's a contemporary
2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:	
<ul> <li>study biological problems</li> <li>analyze experimentally biological problems</li> </ul>	_ X _Yes / No / N/A _ X Yes / No / N/A _ X _Yes / No / N/A
-interpret biological problems. Comments/Notes –	

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction, methods and materials, results, and discussion.	X Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – all were included however, there were not parag and references could be better.	raphs in the results sections
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the investigation. Comments/Notes	X Yes / No / N/A
<ul><li>2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:</li><li>-analyze data across levels of organization.</li><li>-interpret research across levels of organization.</li></ul>	Yes /No /X N/A Yes /No /X N/A
Comments/Notes –	
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about biological matters.	_ X _Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – the paper was overall written well although there	e was some wording issues.

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Research paper -- sample 2 - SAME COMMENTS AS #1 Goal Assessment 1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of  $_Yes / _No / X_N/A$ organization Comments/Notes - The project did not require the molecular, species or ecosystem levels. Only the individual level but the cellular level was mentioned briefly. 1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student: - demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study \_X\_Yes / \_\_ No /\_\_\_ N/A Comments/Notes Did show the relationship between individual and cellular level but it would have been more detailed. 1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student: - demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of \_X\_Yes / \_\_ No /\_\_\_ N/A contemporary issues related to the system under study - clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the \_X\_Yes / \_\_ No /\_\_\_ N/A system under study Comments/Notes- the student critically analyzed strength training. Yes, it's a contemporary issue. 2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to: \_X\_Yes / \_\_ No /\_\_\_ N/A - study biological problems - analyze experimentally biological problems \_ X Yes / \_\_ No /\_ \_ N/A  $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$  Yes / No / N/A -interpret biological problems. Comments/Notes -

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	X Yes / No /
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	N/A
Comments/Notes – all were included however, there were not parag	raphs in the results sections.
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	X Yes / No /
investigation.	N/A
Comments/Notes	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
-analyze data across levels of organization.	$$ Yes / $$ No / $\underline{X}$ N/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes /No /X N/A
Comments/Notes –	
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	_X_Yes / No / N/A
biological matters.	
Comments/Notes – the paper was overall written well.	

Research paper –sample 3	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No /_ X _ N/A
Comments/Notes - The project required the molecular and cellular level but not the la	rger levels of organization
<ul><li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li></ul>	XYes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – for the levels that the student studied yes, the strinterrelationship among them.	udent understood the
<ul><li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li></ul>	No /N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- the student studied mutations and that is a conter critically analyzed.	nporary issue that the student
<ul> <li>2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:</li> <li>study biological problems</li> <li>analyze experimentally biological problems</li> <li>-interpret biological problems.</li> </ul>	_ X _Yes / No / N/A _ X Yes / No / N/A _ X _Yes / No / N/A
<b>Comments/Notes</b> – The student studied the biological problem of m organism, analyzed the problem experimentally and interpreted the could have done a better job interpreting the biological problem by literature in the field.	biological problem. They

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	X Yes / No /
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	N/A
Comments/Notes - all were included, discussion section had inform	ation that should have been
in results.	
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	X Yes / No /
investigation.	N/A
Comments/Notes the student learned how to perform a P1 lysate, tra	insduction and plating on
XPG.	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
-analyze data across levels of organization.	Yes /No /_ X _ N/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes - the student interpreted the research among the le	vels investigated but not all
levels.	-
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	<u>X</u> _Yes / <u>No</u> / N/A
biological matters.	
Comments/Notes – the paper was overall written well	·

Research paper –sample 4	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No /_ <b>X</b> _ N/A
Comments/Notes - The project required the species and ecosystem level but not molec	cular or cellular level.
<ul> <li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li> </ul>	XYes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – for the levels that the student studied yes, the stu interrelationship among them.	Ident understood the
1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:	
<ul> <li>demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li> </ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- the student studied species diversity which is a constudent critically analyzed.	ontemporary issue that the
2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:	
- study biological problems	_X_Yes / No / N/A
- analyze experimentally biological problems	_ X _Yes / No / N/A _ X Yes / No / N/A _ X _Yes / No / N/A
-interpret biological problems.	
Comments/Notes – The student studied the biological problem of sp problem experimentally and interpreted the biological problem. The job of comparing the results to other literature in the field in the disc	ey could have done a better

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction, methods and materials, results, and discussion.	X Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – all were included, results section would have be representation.	nefited from graphical
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the investigation.	X Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes the student learned how to perform the techniques	required.
<ul><li>2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:</li><li>-analyze data across levels of organization.</li><li>-interpret research across levels of organization.</li></ul>	Yes /No /XN/A Yes /No /X N/A
Comments/Notes –	1
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	
biological matters. Comments/Notes – the paper was overall written well	

Research paper –sample 5	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No /_ <b>X</b> _ N/A
Comments/Notes	
- The project required the species and individual level.	1
<ul> <li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>- demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li> </ul>	Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes – it was not clear that the student understood this	relationship
<ul><li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li></ul>	Yes / X No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	Yes /X No /N/A
Comments/Notes- the student did not demonstrate these in the paper	r
<ul> <li>2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:</li> <li>study biological problems</li> <li>analyze experimentally biological problems</li> <li>interpret biological problems.</li> </ul>	_ X _Yes / No / N/A _ Yes / X No / N/A _ Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes –	1

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	Yes /X No /
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	<u></u>
Comments/Notes – only abstract was included.	
Comments/10005 only dostract was included.	
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	X Yes / No /
investigation.	$\frac{1}{N/A}$
Comments/Notes the student learned how to perform the techniques	
elementary.	required but were
cicincitary.	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
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-analyze data across levels of organization.	$\underline{\qquad} Yes / \underline{\qquad} No / \underline{\qquad} X \underline{\qquad} N/A$
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes /No /X N/A
Comments/Notes – the student did not demonstrate the ability to inte	erpret research.
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	Yes /X No /N/A
biological matters.	
Comments/Notes - each sentence of the paper was somewhat worde	ed clearly however the
overall paper was very unclear and repeated itself twice.	

Research paper –sample 6	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	_ X _Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes -	
<ul> <li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>- demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li> </ul>	X_Yes /No /N/A
Comments/Notes – discussed the relationship between individual ca	tfish and the species.
<ul> <li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>- demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li> </ul>	X_Yes / No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- the student discussed different bait preferences for	r the mature vs younger fish.
<ul> <li>2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:</li> <li>study biological problems</li> <li>analyze experimentally biological problems</li> <li>interpret biological problems.</li> </ul>	_ X _Yes / No / N/A _ X Yes / No / N/A _ X _Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – The student studied the biological problem of the and analyzed it experimentally. The data could have been interpreted	_

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	X Yes / No /
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	N/A
Comments/Notes – yes, all we included however there was no clear	statement of the hypothesis.
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	X Yes / No /
investigation.	N/A
Comments/Notes the student learned how to perform the techniques required.	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
-analyze data across levels of organization.	Yes / No /X N/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes / No / X N/A
Comments/Notes –	
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	XYes / No / N/A
biological matters.	
Comments/Notes – the paper was pretty clear but did repeat itself w	ith some of the exact same
wording.	

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Senior paper –sample 1	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No / X N/A
Comments/Notes -the molecular level of organization was not needed for this paper be species and ecosystem levels. –The department would have liked to implement each of these biofuel generations and possibly if they add pathways of converting the corn, grasses and algae into a biofuel that the molecular level.	see more about how to ded in the exact biochemical
<ul><li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li></ul>	Yes /No /X N/A
Comments/Notes Of those needed for this paper- yes the interrelationships were well generations of biofuels, how land and water usage will impact it and to develop to use these biofuels.	
<ul><li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li></ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- Biofuels is a very current issue and the paper disc disadvantages which shows critical analysis of the issue.	cussed advantages and
<ul> <li>2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:</li> <li>study biological problems</li> <li>analyze experimentally biological problems</li> <li>-interpret biological problems.</li> </ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A Yes / No / _X_ N/A _X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – studied the biological problem on biofuels. It was experimentally this problem in this paper. The student did interpret	· · · · · ·

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	Yes / No /_X_ N/A
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	
Comments/Notes	
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	Yes /No /XN/A
investigation.	
Comments/Notes	
2. The student demonstrated on shility to:	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to: -analyze data across levels of organization.	Yes / No / <b>X</b> N/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	$\frac{1}{X} Yes / NO / N/A$
Comments/Notes - the paper required the student to interpret researce	ch across the species level
and ecosystem level but not the molecular level.	•
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	_X_Yes / No / N/A
biological matters. Comments/Notes – yes, although there was some wording issues, ov	verall the paper was clear and
seemed to be well researched.	eran me paper was creat and
seemed to be well researched.	

Rubric to assess Biology Department Fall 2014 – Spring 2015 Senior paper –sample 2

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enior paper –sample 2	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No / X N/A
Comments/Notes -the molecular level of organization was not needed for this paper b and ecosystem levels. –to incorporate the molecular level the studer the environmental change leads to changes in metabolism or bioche patterns.	nt could have discussed how
<ul> <li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li> </ul>	Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes The student could have more clearly explained exactly what was ha to the global warming.	ppening in each habitat due
1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student: - demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	Yes /X No /N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes- Extinction is a very contemporary issue.	
<ul> <li>2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:</li> <li>- study biological problems</li> <li>- analyze experimentally biological problems</li> <li>- interpret biological problems.</li> </ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A Yes / No / _X_ N/A Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes –. The student did interpret the biological problem	1

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	Yes / No /_X_ N/A
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	
Comments/Notes	
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	Yes /No /_ X _ N/A
investigation.	
Comments/Notes	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
-analyze data across levels of organization.	Yes /No /XN/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes – it was a summary	
	1
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	_X_Yes / No / N/A
biological matters.	
Comments/Notes – yes, although there was some wording issues, ov	verall the paper was clear but
it's possible it could have had more details and better researched.	

Senior paper –sample 3	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No /_ <b>X</b> _ N/A
Comments/Notes -the species and ecosystem levels of organization were not required	for this paper.
<ul> <li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>- demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li> </ul>	Yes / No / X N/A
Comments/Notes The student could have more clearly stated the effect on the person added in details of how organ transplants fail.	after an organ transplant and
<ul><li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li></ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- the paper showed that the student did look up inf transplants. Yes it is a contemporary issue.	ormation regarding organ
<ul> <li>2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:</li> <li>study biological problems</li> <li>analyze experimentally biological problems</li> <li>interpret biological problems.</li> </ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A Yes / No / _X_ N/A _X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – studied the biological problem of organ transpla analyze experimentally this problem in this paper. The student did is problem.	

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	Yes / No /_X_ N/A
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	
Comments/Notes	
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	Yes / No /X N/A
investigation.	
Comments/Notes	l
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
-analyze data across levels of organization.	Yes / No /X N/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes /X No /N/A
Comments/Notes –	
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	_X_Yes / No / N/A
biological matters.	
Comments/Notes - there were some wording issues that made it dif	ficult to read some sentences.

Senior paper –sample 4	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes -does not go into detail on the molecular level but does mention it. I pick a specific gene to research for a child. Does mention species ar	
<ul> <li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li> <li>demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li> </ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes The student understands that all of these are interrelated but does not	t go into many details.
<ul><li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li></ul>	X_Yes / No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- Yes it is a contemporary issue.	
<ul> <li>2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:</li> <li>study biological problems</li> <li>analyze experimentally biological problems</li> <li>-interpret biological problems.</li> </ul>	_X_Yes / No / N/A Yes / No / _X_ N/A _X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – studied the biological problem of human reprod societies but did not find outside sources other than the books review could have interpreted the biological problem more deeply but over	wed in class. The student

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	Yes / No /_X_ N/A
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	
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Comments/Notes	
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	Yes / No /X N/A
investigation.	
Comments/Notes	
2. The student demonstrated on shility to:	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
-analyze data across levels of organization.	Yes / XNo /N/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes - the student did not do additional research to clea	rly demonstrate their ability
to interpret research across levels of organization.	
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	_X_Yes / No / N/A
biological matters.	
	1
Comments/Notes – the paper was easy to read.	

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Senior paper –sample 5	
Goal	Assessment
1. It is evident that the student understands biological principles and their implications from the molecular to ecosystem levels of organization	Yes / No /_ X _ N/A
Comments/Notes	
- Does mention species and ecosystem level.	1
<ul><li>1a. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an understanding of the interrelationships of parts and processes specific to the system under study</li></ul>	Yes /X No /N/A
Comments/Notes	1
<ul><li>1b. It is evident that at each level of organization, the student:</li><li>- demonstrated an ability to critically analyze elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study</li></ul>	Yes / <mark>X</mark> No / N/A
- clearly articulated elements of contemporary issues related to the system under study	_X_Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes- the student did not include enough examples or st they critically analyzed each of these elements. Yes it is a contempo	
2. It is evident that the student has developed the ability to:	
- study biological problems	Yes / X No / N/A
- analyze experimentally biological problems	Yes /No /_ <mark>X_</mark> _N/A
-interpret biological problems.	Yes / X No / N/A Yes / No /_X_ N/A _ X _Yes / No / N/A
Comments/Notes – the student did not state a biological problem that not find outside sources other than the books reviewed in class.	at was being studied and did

2a. The student demonstrated an ability to generate all of the	
elements of a formal research paper abstract, introduction,	Yes /No /_ <mark>X</mark> _ N/A
methods and materials, results, and discussion.	
Comments/Notes	
2b. The student demonstrated mastery of techniques specific to the	Yes / No /X N/A
investigation.	
Comments/Notes	
2c. The student demonstrated an ability to:	
-analyze data across levels of organization.	Yes / <mark>X</mark> No / N/A
-interpret research across levels of organization.	Yes / X No / N/A
Comments/Notes –	
3. The student effectively communicated in written form about	<u>X</u> _Yes / <u>No</u> / <u>N</u> /A
biological matters.	
Comments/Notes –	