



Course Syllabus for Zoology Mrs. Freeman

Students will study the characteristics and classifications of animals. Students will learn about animal species and their importance on earth. Students will research an endangered animal and present their findings to the class.

Several resources will be used from the internet, and the textbooks, Science Explorers: Animals and Biology. The following will be the class progression:

Week 1-6

Chapter 19:	Intro to the Kingdoms of Life	Biology
Chapter 27:	Intro to Animals	“ “
Chapter 28:	Simple Invertebrates	“ “ w/ Science Explorer: Animals
Chapter 1:	Sponges, Cnidarians, and Worms	Science Explore: Animals
Chapter 2:	Mollusks, Arthropods, and Echinoderms	“ “
Chapter 32:	Intro to Vertebrates	Biology
Chapter 3:	Fishes, Amphibians, and Reptiles	Science Explorer: Animals
Chapter 4:	Birds and Mammals	“ “
Chapter 35:	Mammals	Biology
Chapter 36:	Animal Behavior	Biology
Chapter 5:	Animal Behavior	Science Explorer: Animals

Every Day:

- Come to class prepared to learn.
- You must bring your own pen/pencil and a notebook with paper. Notes will be taken daily.
- **No Cell Phones.**

Labs/Activities:

- Activities and lab experiments can be fun and give us the opportunity to experience zoology first hand. THIS IS NOT A PLAY TIME!!! Equipment must be handled carefully and you are expected to follow the lab procedures and safety guidelines.

- Before beginning any lab, you need to read all the directions completely and thoroughly. Make sure you understand the directions before you begin. Be sure to follow the directions exactly as they are given.

Taking Notes:

- You will take notes on every chapter we discuss.
- Your notes will be turned in at the end of each day, which will be part of your grade.

Daily Assignments:

- Assignments are to be worked on during the class time provided. If you are not able to finish an assignment in class, take it home to finish. (This is not an excuse not to do your work in class.) If you are not working during class, points will be deducted from your grade.
- Assignments are due at the end of each day unless otherwise mentioned.
- Assignments turned in **1 or more days late lose 50%** of the possible points.

Tests: We will have a quizzes or a formal assessment to help me gage what the students are learning. There will be a test every week over the material covered during that week. Make sure you study for the test! Notes are **NOT** allowed for tests. On the last day of the block there will be a comprehensive final exam.

Grading:

Daily Assignments, notes, worksheets	45%
Labs/Quizzes	20%
Research Paper/Tests/Final Exam	35%

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL GRADE SCALE

A	93-100	B-	80-82
A-	90-92	C+	77-79
B+	87-89	C	73-76
B	83-86	C-	70-72

69% and lower are considered failing. You will not receive your credit with a grade lower than a 70%.

Beginning the 1st week of class, if your grade is below 70% you will not receive your 15-minute early release. You choose to leave anyway; it will be 60 minutes MUT added to the 15 minutes you missed of class. This will also include a referral for leaving classroom without permission.