

How to Get Ready for Your Semester 1 Midterm in AP Biology?

Dear Students and Parents/ Guardians,

*We need your help to prepare for the AP Biology Exam. Please talk about what will be done at home to prepare for the midterm exam in AP Biology. (I have included a list of **required** (both during class and at home) and **suggested** tactics for review.) Please check-in with your son/daughter by asking to see their review log shown below. Additionally, discuss when and where in the home studying can happen most effectively. Possibly take time a couple of days a week to help make and review their flashcards, check their practice essays and quizzes. Collaboration is key!*

*Thank you,
Mrs. Sobieszczyk*

Required tactics: (* starred items will be given time during school)

1. Review book annotations and practice problems.
2. *Practice tests.
3. *Practice essay planning, writing, and scoring.
4. *Continue to meet with study groups weekly, either during a REAL time, Thursday the first half of lunch, of Wednesday Homework Centers.
5. Notebook Organization: Locate one drawing, notes page that captures the key concepts for each of the following chapters. Be ready to discuss them and have available a handout on them.

Suggested tactics:

1. View website animations, both those provided through **edline** and the **activity disc** distributed with texts.
2. Build and use flashcards.
3. Complete practice essays available on College Board, indicate the topics and year.
4. Take practice quizzes on activity disc.
5. Review the review packets from each chapter.

Date	Time Start	Time End	What I Did	Reflections
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotate any website used during review, include an identifying title or web address. • Re-organize notes and binder materials • Build or use flash cards and include what they are on • Complete practice essays available on college board, indicate the topics and year • Practice analyzing images (labeling and describing the processes) • Work on Practice Test questions, how many? • Annotate review book, indicate section and one NEW annotation • Meet as part of study group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your next steps? • What areas are you in need of more support?