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PART I. THE CELL

Is it possible to engage students while introducing the principles of biology within the time span of one semester? *Essentials of Biology* is the text that meets the challenge!

My goal in writing *Essentials of Biology* was twofold: to explain the principles of biology clearly and to illustrate them in a captivating, easy-to-understand manner. *Essentials of Biology* is traditional in its approach, organized around the major concepts of biology—the theory of evolution, the cell theory, the gene theory, the theory of homeostasis, and the theory of ecosystems. However, adopters will notice from the outset a decided effort to reach out to today's student. The design and illustration program of the book is appropriate for those who are accustomed to being visually stimulated. The writing style is conversational and inviting in its tone. In short, this book offers the essence of biology without the amount of detail found in other introductory biology texts. Even though this book is succinct, it retains the hallmark features of a Mader book: clear writing, well-developed visuals, a great pedagogical system, and logical organization of chapters.

Because biology is now characterized by new revelations almost daily, it is sometimes difficult to decide what to include in a text. While it is tempting to concentrate on the new, it remains clear that today's students need a good foundation in the basics, just as previous students did. *Essentials of Biology* stresses the principles of biology but uses pertinent applications to increase appreciation and to show that biology is a science relevant to everyday life. Genetics comes alive in Chapter 13, which shows how both Mendelian and molecular genetics can be used to counsel clients about how genetic disorders can be detected, controlled, and/or treated. Chapter 25, a nutrition chapter, shows students how the knowledge of chemistry is beneficial when making dietary decisions to achieve the proper weight and remain healthy. Stem cell research, human diseases, and reproductive choices, all topics of interest to students, are also included. Environmental concerns are addressed, and Chapter 32 concentrates on how human activities impact the biosphere.

An Overview of the Text

The introductory chapter provides students with a preview of biological principles before they take up individual topics. Included are the characteristics of life, an overview of life's diversity, and a discussion of the scientific process.

Part I The Cell

In this part students are introduced to a bit of chemistry before considering the anatomy and physiology of the cell. Cells, like organisms, must acquire and use matter and energy in order to maintain their existence.

Part II Genetics

DNA, the composition of genes, is passed on during cellular and organismal reproduction. Patterns of inheritance are pertinent, but today, the treatment of genetic disorders and cancer is dependent upon molecular genetics. With the sequencing of the human genome, new ways are being found to expand the field of medicine.

Part III Evolution

Biology cannot be understood without a knowledge of evolution. This part begins with a chapter that explains the main points of Darwin's theory and examines the variety of evidence that supports evolution. The mechanisms necessary to microevolution and macroevolution are then considered before the history of life on Earth is reviewed.

Part IV Diversity of Life

The major categories of life are presented and their possible relationships are explored. Students need to be aware of the variety of life with which we share this planet. An evolutionary tree for plants and another for animals become icons for appropriate chapters.

Part V Plant Structure and Function

These chapters instill in the students an appreciation of botany. The flowering plant is used as the representative organism to study the basics of plant anatomy.

Part VI Animal Structure and Function

A comparative theme, which uses the human animal as the representative organism, runs through this part. The emphasis is on homeostasis, which is introduced and explored in Chapter 22.

Part VII Ecology

This part moves from population dynamics through the interactions of populations in communities and ecosystems. The last chapter shows how human activities stress the biosphere and gives reasons why biodiversity should be preserved.

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