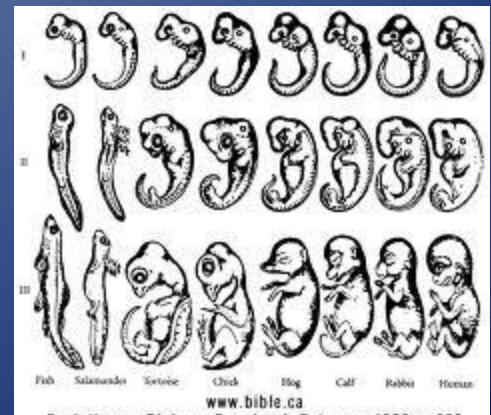
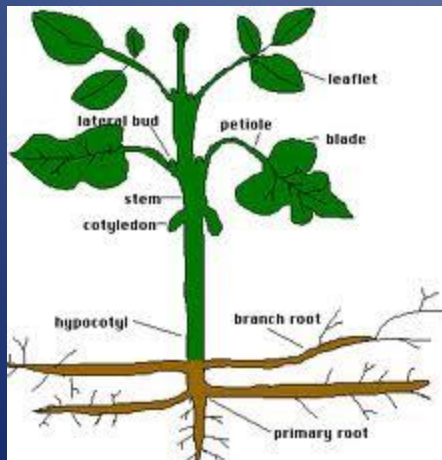
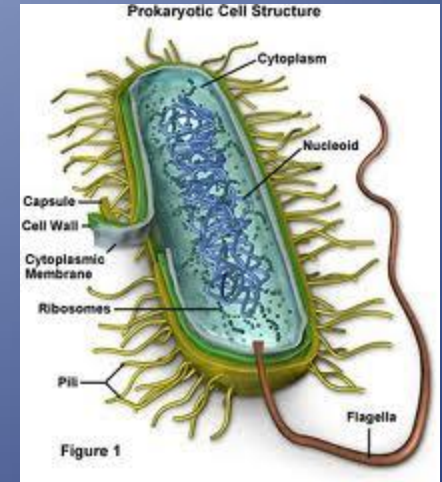
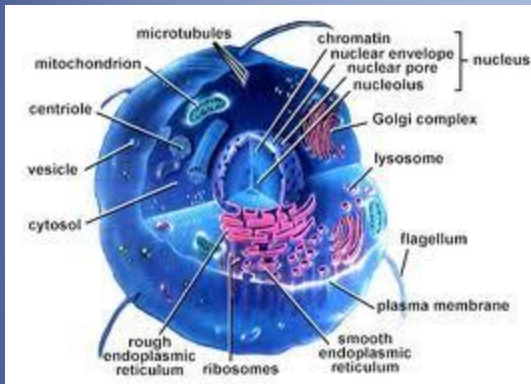


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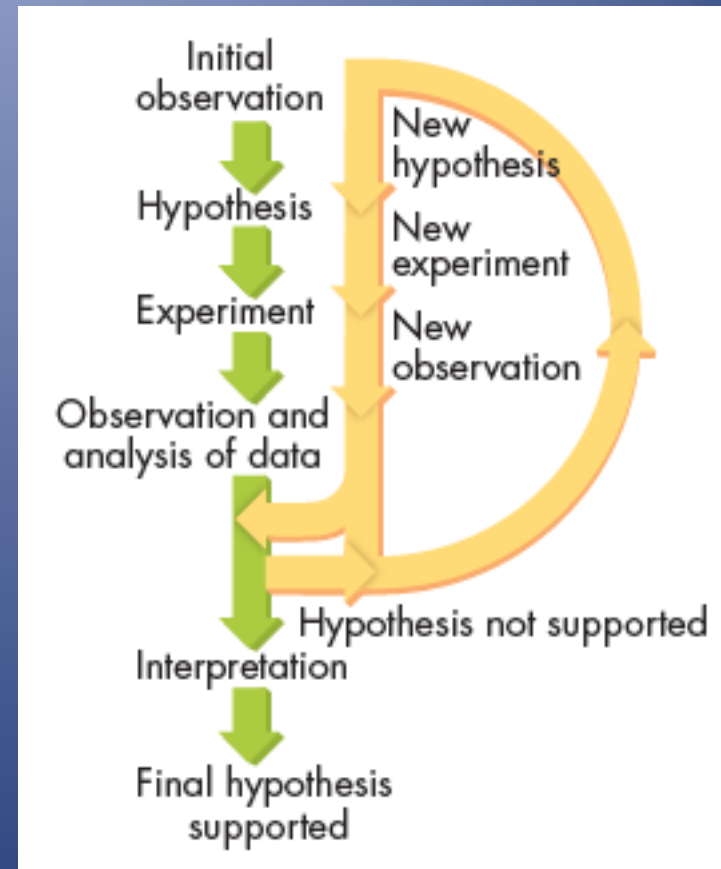
What is Science?

- **Science** = an organized way of gathering and analyzing evidence about the natural world
 - Provides natural explanations for events in the natural world
 - Uses those explanations to understand patterns in nature and to make predictions about natural events



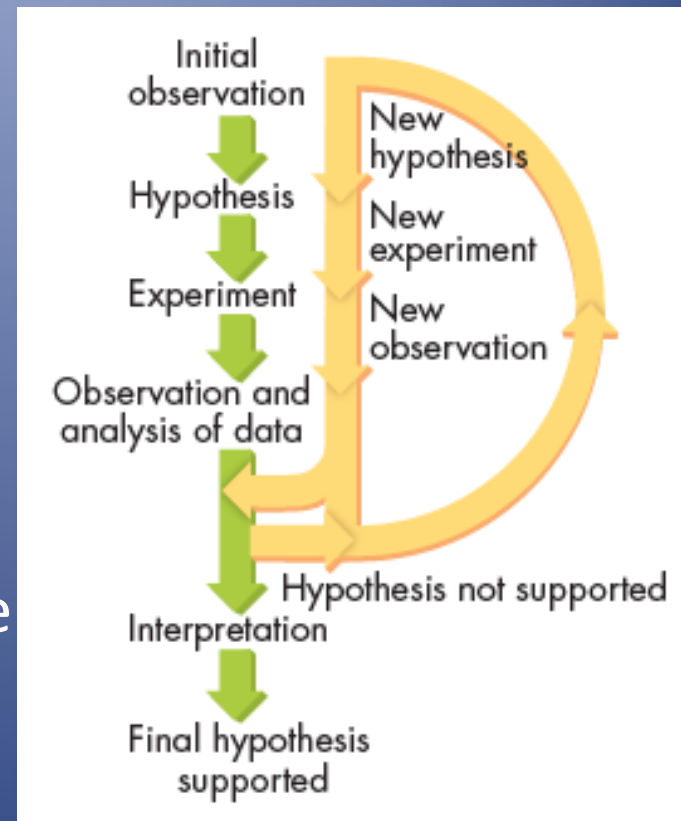
The Scientific Method

- **Observation** – noticing and describing events in an orderly way
- **Hypothesis** – a scientific explanation for a set of observations that can be tested



The Scientific Method Continued

- **Controlled experiment** – an experiment where only one variable is changed
 - **Independent Variable** – the variable that is changed by the experimenter
 - **Dependent Variable** – the variable that changes in response to the independent variable



Independent/Dependent Variables

Examples of experiments –

- 1) Do high school students get better grades if they sleep 8 hours the night before a test ?

Independent variable – Amount of sleep

Dependent variable – Grade on the test



- 2) Do people who take vitamins get sick less often?

Independent variable – Taking a vitamin

Dependent variable – How often people get sick



Data Collection

- Collect and analyze data
 - **Quantitative data** – numbers obtained by counting or measuring (height, number of leaves, etc.)
 - **Qualitative data** – descriptive observation (direction of movement, description of appearance, etc.)



Drawing Conclusions

- Did the experiment support the hypothesis?
- What new hypotheses can be made and tested?
- In biology, not all hypotheses can be tested in a controlled experiment— ex. Does taking prenatal vitamins during pregnancy cause a higher IQ



Scientific Theory

- **Theory** = a well-tested explanation that unifies a broad range of observations and hypotheses
 - Theories have been tested and supported by many lines of evidence
 - They are the dominant view among scientists

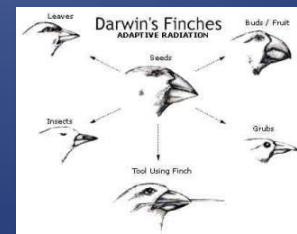
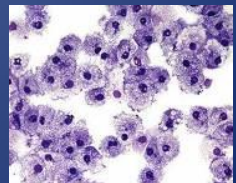
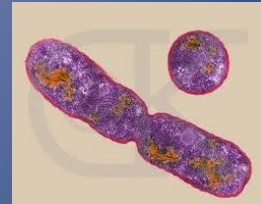


Living Things!!!!!!



Characteristics of Living Things

- 1) Universal genetic code – DNA
- 2) Grow and develop
- 3) Respond to their environment
- 4) Reproduce (sexually or asexually)
- 5) Maintain a stable internal environment = **homeostasis**
- 6) Obtain and use material and energy = **metabolism**
- 7) Made of cells
- 8) As a group – they evolve (change)



Measurement

Metric Unit	Unit	Instrument
Length	meter (m)	ruler
Mass	gram (g)	balance
Volume	liter (l)	graduated cylinder
Temperature	Celsius (C)	thermometer



Measurement Continued

kilo - 1000 (1 kilometer = 1000 meters)

centi = 1/100 (1 centimeter = 1/100 meter)

(in other words – there are 100 centimeters in 1 meter)

milli = 1/1000 (1 millimeter = 1/1000 meter)

(there are 1000 millimeters in 1 meter)

(there are 10 millimeters in 1 centimeter)

- millimeter = mm centimeter = cm