

## Characteristics of Life Poster

Biology

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

### Visualizing the Characteristics of Living Things Poster

We are learning about the characteristics necessary for life. The characteristics are broad enough to include the great diversity of life on Earth, from the 2700 known bacterial species to the more than 1.5 million named animal species!

**Activity:** You will create a poster that represents the characteristics of living things. Listed below are the items needed on your poster to obtain full credit. You will be graded using the poster rubric.

*Remember* – posters grab attention and are usually very “eye-catching.” Use **color**, be **neat** – use rulers when necessary, make your poster **balanced** – watch your layout...spelling also counts!

#### Items to display on your poster:

1. List and define the **characteristics of living things**.
2. List and define the following: **homeostasis, asexual reproduction, sexual reproduction, metabolism, and stimulus**.
3. Draw or find **pictures** that represent **each** of the characteristics of life. The pictures should be in **color**, if you print from the computer be sure to add some color using markers or colored pencils. You will need a minimum of 3 pictures to represent each characteristic of life.
4. Make the **title** and **subtitles** of the poster large and legible.
5. The layout of the poster should be appealing to the eye. It should not be clustered or too sparse.
6. Include your name(s), date and period.

## The Characteristics of Living Things Poster Rubric

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<b>Pictures</b>	All pictures are present to represent the characteristics of living things	Missing 1 picture	Missing 2 pictures	Missing 3/more pictures
<b>Relevance of Pictures</b>	All characteristics of life are appropriately represented	Most characteristics of life are appropriately represented	Few characteristics of life are appropriately represented	No characteristics of life are appropriately represented
<b>Writing</b>	All text is clear and readable; a few changes in size and color enhance understanding and add to drama; text is straight	Most of the text is clear and readable; a few changes in size and color enhance understanding; text is mostly straight	Some of the text is clear and readable; frequent changes in size and color detract from understanding; some of the text is straight	Very little of the text is clear and readable; frequent changes in size and color detract from understanding; text is not straight
<b>Grammar and Spelling</b>	No grammar or spelling errors	1-2 grammar or spelling errors	3-4 grammar or spelling errors	5 or more grammar or spelling errors
<b>Layout</b>	Poster is not cluttered and balanced over all	Some clutter or somewhat bare, but mostly balanced	Cluttered or too much open space and not well balanced	Very cluttered or very sparse (open space)
<b>Title</b>	Complete title given to the poster, relevant to poster	Partial title, mostly relevant to poster	Partial title, somewhat irrelevant	No title or title is irrelevant to poster
<b>Subtitles</b>	All subtitles are included	Missing 1 subtitle	Missing 2 subtitles	Missing 3/more subtitles
<b>Definitions</b>	All present	Missing 1 definition	Missing 2 definitions	Missing 3/more definitions
<b>Total</b>	_____ / 24			