

AP Biology Intro Letter and Summer Work - READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT

Welcome to AP Biology! I'm very excited to begin this challenging and rewarding course with you. You are enrolled in an AP science course with the understanding that you will be ready for and you will take the AP Biology exam in May 2027.

AP Biology has REQUIRED summer homework. Once the Spring 2026 semester is complete, you will be enrolled in a summer course on Schoology. Below is a quick summary of the required work.

Summer Assignment Overview

	Assignment	Due Date
1.	Check out an AP Biology book from the Library	Friday, June 12th
2.	AP Code of Conduct Document	Friday, June 12th
3.	Completion of Welcome to AP Biology Discussion on Schoology	Friday, July 10th
4.	Complete the Your Inner Fish Assignments	Ch 1-5 due by Friday, 6/26 Ch 6-11 due by Friday, 7/17 Overview Qs due by Friday, 8/7
5.	Complete Ch 1 Bookwork	Due by Friday, 8/7

The unifying theme of Biology is the Theory of Evolution. The book by Neil Shubin is written for the general public and is an easy read. It will connect to many topics we discuss during the school year. These assignments will help you be ready for AB Biology and to start the year off right.

Assignment Details - READ THESE DETAILS - THESE ARE ALL GRADED ASSIGNMENTS

1. During lunch, or before or after school, visit the Library. Ask to check out an AP Biology textbook. Our textbook has a beautiful sunflower on the cover. I will verify that you have checked out a textbook with Mrs. Cavolt.
2. Read the AP Code of Conduct carefully. Add your digital signature to acknowledge your understanding of my expectations. Submit this document on Schoology.
3. On Schoology, complete the Welcome to AP Biology Discussion on Schoology.- Be sure to read the instructions.
4. Read over the assignment directions and begin reading The Inner Fish. It is beneficial to read the chapter questions before sitting down to read. There are 3 separate due dates to keep you on track and to prevent an overwhelming amount of work at the end of summer. I have a limited number of paperback copies available for loan. There will be a PDF link on Schoology to a digital version. You can also purchase the book at a local bookstore or Amazon for about \$10.

5. Read Ch 1 in the AP Biology Textbook and complete the attached study guide. Study guides will not be something we do for every chapter, in the future.

I will answer emails over the summer. If you have travel plans for the summer, be sure to budget your time accordingly. The assignments are due by their due date. I look forward to a great 2026-27 school year with you. AP Biology is a difficult course, but we will wear it as a badge of honor. You've got this!