Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Observation: 7th Grade Life Science

Why Observations?

The purpose of doing an Observation is to practice your scientific observation skills and learn something about a living thing you see everyday.

Selecting Something to Observe

Talk with your teacher BEFORE you begin this assignment. You may choose any living thing to observe. You may also choose a living system like a pond or aquarium. Talk with your teacher if you're having difficulty thinking of a living thing.

Making the Observations

You will make at least THREE detailed observations—at least once per week for three weeks. Each observation will involve a drawing (or taking a photo & pasting it into the document) and describing your object and changes. Remember to use all your senses (except taste!). For example, if you chose a tree to observe, you might describe how it looks, as well as the texture and smell of the leaves. Make sure you include units in your measurements.

Conclusion

Your conclusion will involve a paragraph (topic sentence, three main points, and a concluding sentence) that describes what you noticed about your object or system over time. If didn't notice any changes describe at least three new things you learned from observing carefully. For example, if you observed a pet cat it likely didn't change over 3 weeks, but you should have learned some new things from observing carefully.

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