

2020-2021 Biology Syllabus

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My Office Hours: M-F 3-5, All contact outside of office or school will be returned within 24 hours.

If you wish to contact me during school hours, please send me an email, do not call or text.

CVA Vision and Mission

Vision: It is the Vision of CVA to equip each student with a quality Christian education firmly based in the Word of God, so that they are fully prepared to take the love of God into all the earth.

Mission: It is the Mission of CVA to educate our students, using biblically sound teachings, in order that they may impact their world for Christ. We do this by utilizing our hybrid program to make individualized education plans. This is accomplished through on-campus, online, and home education programs.

Hello and Welcome!

My name is Janice Weirick, you may call me Mrs. Jan, and I will be your Instructor for this course. While a large part of this course will take place in an online component, we will meet in the classroom to complete lab assignments, take quizzes and tests, enrichment activities, view supplemental videos, and to have an overview of the information of the lessons you will complete at home. The world of Biology can be very exciting to explore but as with any course, you get out of it what you put into it. So, let's get ready to have a great year full of hard work, fun, and discovery.

★Classroom Rules★

Refer to the CVA student handbook for a complete listing of school rules, policies, and procedures.

★Regular classroom rules apply: Respect your teacher and peers at all times, turn in all assignments in a timely fashion, come prepared, and ready for class.

★Keep class discussions both in the classroom and online respectful.

★Always remember we represent Christian Victory Academy at all times, but also remember that we are representatives of God, and we all always conduct ourselves accordingly.

★Special rules:

->Students will be respectful of the lab, including but not limited to keeping the room neat and orderly and ensuring that the room is thoroughly cleaned before the class is dismissed.

-> Students will be mindful of the health and safety of their classmates and will be respectful of all the classroom materials and never use the materials/tools in any way that is not consistent with the assignment or lesson, or proper safety precautions.

■ Grading ■

✓ Tests/Quizzes: 50%

✓ There will be at least one test and quiz per unit.

- ***Important!*** Tests and Quizzes may be taken from any part of the unit including sidebar notes and vocabulary and handouts both physical and in Google Classroom. The student is responsible for reading all the assigned material.

✓ Projects: 25%

✓ This will include your longer essays as well as other projects.

✓ Assignments: 25%

Writing Assignments

Based on Florida Standard SS.912.A.1. Students are required to use research and inquiry skills to analyze American history using primary and secondary sources.

- ✎ Research assignments will be required during this course.
- ✎ Students will be required to use grade-level appropriate writing skills.
- ✎ Students will be required to properly cite sources. Refer to citationmachine.net
- Writing assignments without proper citations may be given a 0 for plagiarism. (Using someone else's work without giving proper credit)
- ✎ Students will use the MLA format in all written assignments.
- ✎ Students will turn in all writing assignments on Google Classroom via Google Docs or through Ignitia as instructed.

Plagiarism and Cheating

This class will hold a zero-tolerance policy on plagiarism. As children of God, we are commanded not to steal as one of the Ten Commandments. Copying, lifting, or even paraphrasing someone else's work, including a fellow classmate, an internet article, a movie, and tv show or even the work that you are discussing, without crediting them in a works-cited page is a form of stealing. Students who are caught plagiarizing will receive an automatic grade of 0 on the assignment. Cheating on any assignment will receive the same treatment. Copying answers from anywhere including Quizlet and fellow students is considered cheating and a form of stealing.

Technology

Students will be required to have access to a computer both at home and at school. Students are required to respect the classroom time and utilize their computer's according to instruction and in no other way. Computers are for educational purposes only.

Primarily Used Text: Ignitia

Google Classroom

This year we will be using Google Classroom and it will be the central hub of all your assignments and other useful materials.

- ★-All Grades will be posted on Google Classroom★
- ★All announcements/handouts will be posted on Google Classroom★
- ★Videos will be posted on Google Classroom★

During our first class meeting, I will be giving you a guided tour of Google Classroom, in order to ensure that all students are able to sign up and get logged into the class. I will also teach you how to turn in assignments, view additional materials, and find your grades.

★Signing in to Google Classroom.

1. Go to classroom.google.com
2. Log in with your school Gmail account
3. Click the + sign at the top right-hand corner
4. Click "Join Class"
5. Type in the classroom code which I will give you on the first day of school.