

Wednesday 3/25

Hi everyone. It is the Wednesday afternoon and I figured I'd just check in.

This morning I met with a few people who came to the optional meet at 8 or 11. All I did was give a little redirection and some explanation of the concepts that you never learned, or just forgot from your days in biology.

We talked about "chemosynthesis" and the different types of decomposers. We also looked at the different types of biomes, where they are located on the map, and how their climograph illustrates the temperatures and precipitation of the region.

Just to clarify my expectations of you: work at the pace that works for you. I assigned you the work on Monday night and you have until Friday. I gauged the amount of work based on how long it would take to learn the same amount of material in about a week's worth of double period in-class time. I expect that you read over the key points in the notes, try to make your own connections to prior learning, and watch the videos to see some examples of the concepts in motion. I do have plenty of other "educational videos", but a lot of those are a person dictating facts with slides in the background for visuals. As this point, I don't know if that's something that you actually want to sit through since you have the filled in notes pages that already lay out those important concepts. I may put the links up as a supplement, but I'm figuring with the other work you have, you don't need something else thrown at you.

There is nothing that needs to be submitted at this time. You are living the college life right now... more work at home and less class meet time (the only thing missing is all the campus fun ☺) You have to start to really hone your skills of being a self-learner and then use the support at our meets to clarify anything you may not understand. You are doing your own spot check on your knowledge base and I hope to have a good conversation on Friday explaining anything you don't understand and talking about the videos. So please watch them (especially the first 8)! I'm really not sure if we will get to talk about everything, but be ready to do so. I will adjust as needed. I will develop some forms of assessment so I can see what you have absorbed, but at this point I'm not really concerned with grades; I just want to make sure we finish all that you are responsible for.

No matter how far we get in our discussion Friday, I will still post next week's work over the weekend for those who may be working at a faster pace. That way I'm always a step ahead in case I run into any roadblocks along the way. Remember we are only meeting on white days, so next week we will have 2 mandatory meets.

I hope everyone is holding up the best they can. I'm looking forward to seeing / hearing / typing to everyone on Friday. Until then, have a good week, get outside when you can, maintain your sanity, and continue the binge-watching? (something I still haven't had a moment to do ...)

See you Friday,

Mr. Romano