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Use the relative times shown as one tool to help prioritize segments of your course instruction and homework assignments. Timing is based on 50-minute periods or 90-minute blocks with consideration given to the amount and depth of the content presentation and the academic standards addressed.

As you allocate time, consider your students' backgrounds and the materials that are available to them at home. Many activities require very simple or no materials or advance preparation and may be assigned as homework, such as the Looking at the Data activities, Case Study/Tying It All Together activities, and many of the Minilabs.

Assessment tools such as the Section Reviews, Chapter Reviews, and Chapter Assessments are not included in this scope and sequence as their application varies widely with teacher discretion. Also excluded are the National Geographic Explorer and Photographer features, which give students avenues to explore STEM careers on their own. These features address SC.912.N.1.6, SC.912.N.2.4*, and other standards associated with scientific practices and content.

The Investigations and Performance Tasks listed after this scope and sequence offer ways to assess NGSSS that may require in-class time. Choose among these based on how you want to promote understanding of various concepts and your available laboratory equipment.

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11B: Regulation of Gene Expression	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.16.5, SC.912.N.1.1
12A: Design an Organism	1.0	0.5	SC.912.L.16.1, SC.912.L.16.2, SC.912.N.1.1
12B: Mapping Fruit Fly Genes through Linkage	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.16.2, SC.912.L.16.16, SC.912.N.1.1
13A: DNA Evidence	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.16.10, SC.912.L.16.12*, SC.912.N.1.1
13B: Fluorescent Genes	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.16.10, SC.912.N.1.1
14A: Comparing Genetic Information Among Organisms	1.0	0.5	SC.912.L.15.1, SC.912.L.15.4, SC.912.N.1.1
14B: What Lived Here?	1.0	0.5	SC.912.N.1.1
15A: Genetic Drift	1.0	0.5	SC.912.L.15.14, SC.912.N.1.1
15B: Evolution of Antibiotic Resistance in Bacteria	2.5	1.5	SC.912.L.15.13, SC.912.L.15.14, SC.912.N.1.1
16A: Modeling Speciation	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.15.13, SC.912.N.1.1
16B: Wildlife Crossings and Corridors	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.17.8, SC.912.N.1.1
Total for all Chapter Investigations	69.0	34.8	

VIRTUAL INVESTIGATIONS

UNIT	VIRTUAL INVESTIGATIONS	PERIODS	BLOCKS	NGSSS
1	Sea Pigs on the Abyssal Plain	2–4	1–2	SC.912.E.7.1, SC.912.L.17.2, SC.912.L.17.5, SC.912.L.17.9, SC.912.N.1.1
2	Bacteria in the Digestive System	2–4	1–2	SC.912.L.14.6, SC.912.N.1.1
3	Communication in the Rainforest	2–4	1–2	SC.912.L.17.4, SC.912.L.17.8, SC.912.N.1.1
4	Fighting a Viral Pandemic	2–4	1–2	SC.912.L.14.6, SC.912.L.14.52, SC.912.L.16.4, SC.912.L.16.10, SC.912.N.1.1
5	Hummingbirds on the Move	2–4	1–2	SC.912.L.15.13, SC.912.L.15.15, SC.912.N.1.1
	Total for all Virtual Investigations	10–20	5–10	

PERFORMANCE TASKS

UNIT	PERFORMANCE TASKS	PERIODS	BLOCKS	NGSSS
1	1: Why Should We Preserve Wetland Ecosystems?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.E.7.1
	2: How Do Seasonal Changes Affect Organisms in a Freshwater Ecosystem?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.E.7.1
	3: How Does a Sudden Disturbance Change a Rainforest Ecosystem?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.L.17.4, SC.912.L.17.5
	4: How Does Long-term Drought Change a Saltwater Ecosystem?	3.0	1.3	SC.912.L.17.4, SC.912.L.17.5
	5: What Is the Best Way to Restore Habitat for Endangered Bats?	1.0	0.5	SC.912.L.17.4, SC.912.L.17.5
2	1: How Does Regenerative Medicine Reflect Nature?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.L.16.10, SC.912.L.16.14
	2: What Are the Requirements for a Minimum Viable Ecosystem?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.L.18.7
	3: How Are Complex Carbon-based Molecules Built from Simple Atoms?	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.18.1
3	1: How Do Systems Interact to Maintain Homeostasis in Plants?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.N.1.1
	2: How Can We Test Systems that Interact to Maintain Homeostasis in Humans?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.N.1.1, SC.912.L.14.36
	3: How Important Is Group Behavior to the Survival of Individuals in a Population?	3.0	0.0	SC.912.N.1.1
4	1: How Does a Single-gene Trait Disappear and Reappear in a Subsequent Generation?	2.0	0.5	SC.912.L.16.1, SC.912.L.16.2, SC.912.L.18.1, SC.912.L.18.3*
	2: What Caused the Unusual Skin Discoloration in the People Living in a Rural Area?	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.14.6, SC.912.L.16.2
	3: What Are the Risks and Benefits of Genetically Engineered Food?	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.16.10
	4: How Will We Curb the Spread of Mosquito-borne Disease?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.L.16.10, SC.912.L.17.4
5	1: How Can We Determine Evolutionary Relationships?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.L.15.1, SC.912.L.15.4
	2: How Does Bacterial Evolution Affect Public Health Globally?	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.14.6, SC.912.L.15.1, SC.912.L.15.13
	3: How Is Climate Change Altering Species Evolution?	3.0	1.5	SC.912.L.15.1, SC.912.L.15.13, SC.912.L.17.4
	4: How Do Human-induced Changes in the Environment Affect Different Species?	4.0	2.0	SC.912.L.17.8
	5: What Kind of Artificial Reef Is Most Effective at Preserving and Restoring Biodiversity?	2.0	1.0	SC.912.L.17.4, SC.912.L.17.8
Total for all Performance Tasks		53.0	24.3	