

ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY
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Dear AP Bio students,

Welcome to AP Bio! I have high expectations and expect a lively and fun year filled with conceptual information and real world applications.

For your summer assignment, please read one of the following books:

The Beak of the Finch by Jonathan Weiner
Rosalind Franklin-The Dark Lady of DNA by Brenda Maddox
Genome by Matt Ridley
For Love of Insects by Thomas Eisner
Of Moths and Men, an Evolutionary Tale by Judith Hooper
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Your Inner Fish by Neil Shubin
Next by Michael Crichton

Write a report on the book in your own words. Your report should include

- An in depth summary
- The major scientific concepts covered
- Reflections about the book- and why you selected to summarize the topics you included
- Excellent writing style that uses simple language to express ideas.

The report is due on the first day of school. It must be word processed, double spaced and not longer than 5 pages.

Also, please purchase an AP review guide such as **Cliff's** which I believe is the best. Start looking over the book to see the scope of the AP curriculum. There are 36 chapters to cover! If you wish to have the textbook over the summer you can get a copy on our meeting day.

We will be starting the semester discussing the biological significance of water.

Have a great summer!
Ms. Rubin