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My Personal Review:
I am teaching this class at a nationally ranked high school this fall. My background is in zoology and I find this text book to fit the bill for our Pre-vet/animal science leaning kids. The text is engaging, the graphics well placed and they supplement the points the text makes.

There are focus questions at the end of the chapter that go beyond the List this... Define that... types of thinking. I appreciate those.

The only change I would make would be how the authors discuss the Big Bang in the second chapter. The writing/explanation, while scientifically accurate, leaves some turns of phrase which appear weak and story-like. That annoyed me because evolution is the cornerstone of biology/zoology and I thought that should have been more polished.

Overall, the text is a great resource and I welcome using this for my class this fall.

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