

Lab Instructor _____
 Date _____

Name _____
 Period _____

Objective: To determine the characteristics of living things

*****Use full sentences when answering all questions.*****

Pre-Lab

1. What are the key characteristics that you think are necessary for something to be considered living?
 (No textbook answers allowed.)

2. Bring in an object (or a picture of an object) that displays one or more of these characteristics but is not a living thing nor part of a living thing. Below, identify the object and these characteristics.

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Procedures and Observations

1. Discuss with your group the criteria for identifying living things. Come to a consensus on at least five or more necessary characteristics of a living thing.

TABLE 1. Characteristics of a living thing

Criteria	Reason for Selecting it

2. What problems did your group have in coming up with these criteria?

3. Designate someone to be the reporter. Each member must be able to explain the criteria that your group selected. Your group has five minutes to share your criteria with the rest of the class.

4. Using input from each group and other resources, the class will come to a consensus on the characteristics of living things.

