IBMA Biology IA Scoring

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Welcome, Participants!!

Please introduce yourself:

- 1. Name
- 2. School/Location
- 3. How many years have you taught IB Biology?
- 4. In which year(s) do you complete the IA?

Agenda

IA Information:

- Pacing (when to start/finish?)
- Class time vs after school
- Scoring

Other:

- Biology EE
- Assessments (P1, P2, P3)
- Group 4 Project
- Exam review ideas
- Choosing the Option
- New curriculum: first teaching Fall 2023, first exams May 2025

Investigation **IB** Diploma Discuss Describe a Cycle **Sciences** realistic & relevant focused topic improvements & research **Discuss** & extensions question Explain to the method strengths & relevant limitations of the background method, including Personal information uncertainty & error Evalue. Design a Compare the method to collect conclusion to the accepted sufficient reliable. valid data scientific context Describe Discuss and justify a safety, ethical & environmental detailed & Analysis supported issues in the conclusion method Communication Present Interpret sufficient relevant processed data quantitative & correctly qualitative **Discuss Process** & in detail Created by raw data the impact of and present Stephen Taylor measurement data with (@sitvlr), based on uncertainty on the accuracy and results consistency guides and the IB MYP (i-Biology.net Experimental Cycle

IA Pacing

Some things to consider:

- Internal school IA calendar
 - Make sure you consider both junior and senior year IA due dates
- How will you "break down" the IA?
 - Selection (and approval) of topic
 - Background research/planning
 - Experiment
 - Analysis/Conclusion
- Will you allow time in school or will this be done exclusively outside of school?
- Final due date: Give yourself sufficient time to score papers
- IA's due to IB Coordinator by April 20* (drop-dead due date)

Orth & Berlinghoff's (generalized) IA plan

Junior year:

- mid-April: introduce IA, begin topic selection
- early May: topics have been submitted and approved
- May: complete background research/methodology, submit for reading by teacher

Summer:

Make adjustments to background research/methods as needed

Senior year:

- mid-Sept.-October: Set-up experiments/data collection
- Data analysis (in-class instruction); data analysis due early November
- Conclusion and Evaluation due after Thanksgiving
- Final IA due before Winter Break

IA Scoring

- Share the IA rubric with students BEFORE you start the process
- Include comments for the moderator on the paper or in the margins
 - Based on feedback from moderators, they prefer comments within the paper versus on a separate score sheet.
 - Comments within the paper (not at the start or end of the paper) are most helpful
 - Include justification for for why you awarded your score; moderators are told to support the teacher when possible
- Reference the released Subject reports for detailed guidance/feedback for each testing session (released in the Fall after each test session)
 - May 2020 subject report
 - May 2021 subject report

MHS IA Resources

IA Checklist

<u>Calculating Statistics in Google Sheets Tutorial</u> (mean, standard deviation, t-test, ANOVA)

Google Sheets Scatter Plot Tutorial

Google Sheets Bar Graph Tutorial

HHS IA Resources

IA Introduction

IA Problem Question Selection

Biology IA Comment Sheet

Group 4 Project with UN Sustainability Goals

Helpful IA Resources

IA Checklist

IA Checklist 2

50 Biology IA ideas

Marking the IA (video)

Source: C. Walck IBMA Biology Networking, Feb. 2021

Helpful IB Biology Resources (General)

Biology for Life--Gretel von Bargen

Bioknowledgy

Test bank (\$\$-Follett IB Store)

InThinking (\$\$)

3-D Molecular Design Kits (\$\$)

Biozone Student Workbook (\$\$)