## Biology Scientific Method 2012 – 2013 #1

- I. Biology = the study of life
  - A. Characteristics of life
    - 1. composed of cells
      - unicellular = made up of a single cell
      - multicellular = made up of many cells
        - a human is composed of billions of cells
    - 2. capable of reproduction
      - asexual reproduction = no mixing of genes
      - sexual reproduction = mixing of genes
    - 3. have a metabolism
    - 4. maintain homeostasis = steady internal environment
    - 5. heredity = pass genes to offspring
      - mutation = damage to a gene
    - 6. respond to the environment
    - 7. grow and develop
      - **Go to**: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/tech/make-microbe.html

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