

hypotheses; to develop a range of intellectual abilities, including critical thinking, logical argument, appropriate uses of evidence and interpretation of varied kinds of information; and to communicate your understanding in writing and orally to multiple audiences.

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Tentative Topics and Reading Assignments

<i>EVOLUTION</i>	Week 1 8/14-8/20	What makes organisms different? What are the mechanisms that can result in evolution?	Ch 1.1, 8.2-8.3, 9.1 Ch 11.1-