**Unicellular vs. Multicellular Essay**

**Task:**

Compare the **benefits** (+) and **limitations** (-) of existing as a **single-celled** organism and as a **multicellular** organism.  Include **at least 5 examples** from our class notes for **each** organism type. **Explain why unicellular life is better in certain ways than multicellular life**, even though multicellular life is an evolution of the unicellular life that originally populated the earth.

**Procedure:**

**1) Thesis Statement**

-After viewing the example thesis statements from class, write your own thesis statement on the line below:

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Your thesis statement should be the last sentence of your opening/introduction paragraph

**2) Graphic Organizer**

-Complete the graphic organizer to organize the ideas you will be using for your essay. Write your introduction and conclusion which should preview/review the arguments made

**3) Rough Draft**

-Type in google docs or word processor of your choice, final copy will be printed

**4) Peer Review**

-Classmates will read and make suggestions for your essay

**5) Final Draft**

**Rubric for Unicellular vs. Multicellular Essay**

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|  | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Content** | Answer includes **at least 5** benefits and/or limitations for **unicellular** life and **at least 5** benefits and/or limitations for **multicellular** life from class notes | Answer includes at least 4 benefits and/or limitations for unicellular life and at least 4 benefits and/or limitations for multicellular life from class notes | Answer includes at least 3 benefits and/or limitations for unicellular life and at least 3 benefits and/or limitations for multicellular life from class notes | Answer includes 2 or fewer benefits and/or limitations for unicellular life and 2 or fewer benefits and/or limitations for multicellular life from class notes |
| **Analysis** | Answer **explains at least 3** situations in which **unicellular** life is **better** than multicellular life, thus allowing both types to exists side by side today | Answer explains at least 2 situations in which unicellular life is better than multicellular life, thus allowing both types to exists side by side today | Answer explains at least 1 situation in which unicellular life is better than multicellular life, thus allowing both types to exists side by side today | Answer fails to explain any situations in which unicellular life is better than multicellular life, thus allowing both types to exists side by side today |
| **Spelling and grammar** |  |  | Essay contains 0-3 errors in spelling or grammar. | Essay contains 4 or more errors in spelling or grammar. |