Delaware GK-12 Program Howard High School

Fayth Miles

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GK-12 Goals

Identify science needs in classroom
Create "thinkers"
Help students understand relevance and have better appreciation of science

Labs



Oobleck Lab

- Students had to determine the state of matter of "Oobleck", a non-Newtonian fluid using a problem-based approach
- Students had to create and justify experimental approach
- "Hands on" and critical thinking

Separating Mixtures Lab

 Students designed and carried out a physical mixture separation to separate a mixture into its original components

Enzymes Lab

 Students designed and conducted an original experiment to investigate enzyme activity

Activities/Transfer Tasks

Cell Analogy Activity

- Students created an original analogy to the cell and its organelles
 - Brainstorming ideas, creating poster, writing 1 page report
- Periodic Table Organization
 - Students had to act as 19th century scientists and organize elements into groups

Games

 Students were challenge to assess comprehension of previous lessons and review for exams Presentations/Discussions – "Physiology Corner"

Diffusion

- Diffusion in physiological system
- Examples: kidney and lung

Cell Cycle & DNA replication

- Cancer relatedness to cell division and DNA replication
- Students engaged in discussion, answered questions, short web clips





Reflections

- Deeper appreciation for challenges faced by high school science teachers
- Better understanding of science needs and how to address them
- Opportunity to serve as mentor for students