

Dear AP Biology students,

Hello! Welcome to AP Biology at ACS. As you well know, AP Biology is an intensive Freshman Year College Biology course that covers 12 major units, in extensive detail. The best recipe for success will be to complete homework, readings and study, study, study!!! I assure you I will do my best to cover concepts and labs in class and I will be available for extra help any time you need it. In addition, having a holistic understanding of the major concepts in Biology is vital. As such I require you to read, "**A Short History of Nearly Everything**", by Bill Bryson parts **IV, V and VI**(the second half). Reading the second half of this novel will offer you broad conceptual understanding. It is available both in Paperback and Hard Copy. I have seen it at most airport books stores, [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and virtually every other bookshop I have looked. Of all the books I have read, this one has offered me the best synopsis of biology, offered interesting factoids and brings together many related concepts.

**A Short History of Nearly Everything (Paperback)**

by [Bill Bryson](#)

**ISBN-10:** 076790818X

**ISBN-13:** 978-0767908184

In addition, you will also need to purchase **two additional books** to assist you with AP Biology. They are study guides that will definitely increase your understanding of the course and improve your exam grade. They are listed below:

**Biology (Cliffs AP) 2nd Edition (Paperback)**

**ISBN-10:** 0764586823

**ISBN-13:** 978-0764586828

**Barron's How to Prepare for the Ap Biology Advanced Placement Examination**

**ISBN-10:** 0764124986

**ISBN-13:** 978-0764124983

I am so looking forward to working with each and every one of you. It's going to be a great course and a fantastic year at ACS.

See you in August!!!

Ms. Pain