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IBI 7-9 Reading Graphic Organizer

Purpose: To organize content and thoughts from textbook readings.

Guiding Questions: What is an organism?

Instructions: Read pages 7-9, "That's Life!" in the IBI textbook. Then, complete the sheet below using the information you read.

Characteristics of Life

Scientists agree that all organisms have common traits. The reading outlines 5 of these characteristics. Record them below and write a short description of that characteristics. The first characteristic is listed for you.

Characteristic of Life	Description
Uses energy / creates & removes waste	All organisms must create or consume "food"
Responds to the environment	Reacts to stimuli
Reproduce	Create genetically similar offspring
Cells / organization	Structures that do certain functions / jobs
Grows / Develops	Grows = get bigger Develop = changes