# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT AMPHIBIANS

**Review:** 

Vocab list Frog Lab

Frog Body Systems sheet
Chapter ?'s

Amphibian flow chart
Metamorphosis diagram

#### **CLASSIFICATION:**

Know the KINGDOM: Animalia; PHYLUM: Chordata; SUBPHYLUM: Vertebrata; CLASS: AMPHIBIA; and ORDER: Anura for frogs

Name the three main ORDERS of amphibians and be able to give examples, and their Latin meanings.

Anura "tail-less" Urodela "visible tail" Apoda "leg-less"

## **CHARACTERISTICS**

What Characteristics do all AMPHIBIANS share?

(Thin moist skin; Clawless feet; Aquatic larva changes to terrestrial adult; Ectothermic (Cold blooded); Gills/lungs/skin for respiration; 3 chambered heart; Closed 2-loop circulation; Eggs without shells/extra membranes)

### **BODY ORGANS**

### BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND NAME PARTS IN A DIAGRAM

(outsides, body organs, mouth openings/structures, reproductive)

Be able to NAME, give FUNCTIONS, & body SYSTEM of all organs

(including BRAIN: Brain lobes are same as a fish)

Note especially the organs that are "new/improved" that we haven't seen before.

(Ex: Lungs, small & large intestine, ileum, cloaca, vent, glottis, Eustachian tubes, gullet, oviducts, fat bodies)

How are CUTANEOUS & PULMONARY respiration different?

Where are BILE, TRYPSIN, INSULIN, GLUCAGON, & THYROXINE made?

What is the function of these substances? How is GLUCAGON different from GLYCOGEN?

# **CIRCULATORY:**

How are capillaries, veins, and arteries different? How is an amphibian heart changed from a fish's heart? Be able to trace the path of blood flow in a frog's body? *Note: blood only goes through sinus venosus when returning from body not from lungs!* Where is the HIGH oxygen blood? Where is the LOW oxygen blood? Where does the PULMONARY, RENAL, HEPATIC; CORONARY circulation go? How are frog red blood cells different from human RBC's? (amphibian RBC's have cell nuclei; ours don't)

### **REPRODUCTIVE:**

Where does fertilization happen? Be able to explain: amplexus; What happens during metamorphosis? How are frog larvae (tadpoles) similar to fish? (excrete nitrogen waste as ammonia through gills & as urine made by kidneys, breathe with gills; have lateral line; two chamber heart; 1 loop circulatory system)

#### ADULT vs LARVA (tadpole)

How is respiration in an adult frog different from a tadpole?

What kind of nitrogen waste does each produce? How is nitrogen waste removed in each?

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

What does ECTOTHERMIC mean?

Be able to explain HIBERNATION/ ESTIVATION; How do fat bodies help with these processes?

ANIMAL COMPARISONS (How are they alike OR different?)

Be able to compare ADULT FROGS to TADPOLES.

Be able to compare FROGS to FISH and to other organisms you have dissected.

