Title: Microscope Lab

Purpose:

- to learn how to use a microscope
- to observe, draw, and describe human tissue cells

Materials:

microscope microscope slides and cover slips hair razor blade cheek cells tooth picks Elodea leaves prepared microscope slides cells from various fruits and letter e vegetables crossed threads pond water natural fibers methylene blue (stain) cork Lugol's (stain) plant and animal cells poker chip

Procedure:

1. Observe, draw, and describe what you see in prepared slides under low (40 x) and high (100 x) power.

(Use poker chip to draw the circle for the field of vision)

Label drawings.....name of specimen, power, and relevant details

2. Make wet mounts of hair, cheek cells (stain with methylene blue, white or yellow onion skin (stain with Lugol's), purple onion skin, other fruits and vegetables.

(Use poker chip to draw the circle for the field of vision)

Label drawings.....name of specimen, power, and relevant details...such as cell membrane, cytoplasm, nucleus, starch granules, chloroplasts.....

Results:

Drawings and descriptions

Discussion:

Summarize what you did and comment on variety of cell types, shapes, and arrangements

Conclusion: (10 words!)

State a conclusion about the variety of cell type, shape, or arrangement

Reflection:

A personal statement about the activity, its relevance, whether you liked it, suggested improvements, etc......