# Ecological Relationships

Environmental Sciences 11/12

### **Learning Concepts**

- ▶ Unit #1: Okanagan Ecosystems & Animals At-risk
- ► Unit #2: Earth's Water
- ► Unit #3: Earth's Air
- ► Unit #4: Earth's Land
- ► Unit #5: Human Impact and Restoration

# Okanagan Ecosystems





# Okanagan Animals At Risk





# Earth's Water





# Earth's Air



### Earth's Land



#### **Electronics and Circuitry**

The content of copper in a mobile device far exceeds the amount of any other metal. Copper conducts electricity and heat and comes from the source mineral chalcopyrite.

**Tetrahedrite** is a primary source of silver. Silver-based inks on composite boards create electrical pathways through a device.

Silicon, very abundant in the Earth's crust, is produced from the source mineral quartz and is the basis of integrated circuits.

**Arsenopyrite** is a source of arsenic, which is used in radio frequency and power amplifiers.

Tantalum, from the source mineral tantalite, is added to capacitors to regulate voltage and improve the audio quality of a device.

Wolframite is a source of tungsten, which acts as a heat sink and provides the mass for mobile phone vibration.

#### Battery

**Spodumene** and subsurface brines are the sources of lithium used in cathodes of lithium-ion batteries.

**Graphite** is used for the anodes of lithium-ion batteries because of its electrical and thermal conductivity.

### **Speakers and Vibration**

**Bastnaesite** is a source of rare-earth elements used to produce magnets in speakers, microphones, and vibration motors.





# **Human Impact and Restoration**





### Classroom Expectations

► How do we act as a learning community?

How do we bring out the best in others learning?

### **Environmental Sciences 12** Course Outline Quarter 3 (Feb 1 – April 22)



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Welcome to Environmental Sciences 12. In this course we will focus on appreciating the world around us. We will

The topics and units covered in this course are:

- Ecology and Endangered Species
- Water (fresh and ocean)
- Land (sustainable resources management)
- Air (climate change and global atmosphere patterns)

There are many actions you can take in order to be successful in this course:

- · Be present in class with all necessary tools
- Be committed to your learning
- · Hand in projects on time
- . Use my website to access videos that will help reinforce the concepts
- Have a problem solving curiosity
- Come in for extra help (each morning 8am 8:30am)

If you are away, visit my website to find out what you missed and try to complete it while away. You can also email me if you have any questions

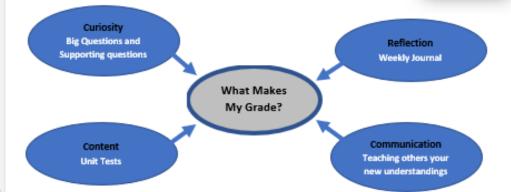
#### Your Course Grade:

On the back of this page is the list of individual learning goals that we will be covering in this course. As we move through our projects and unit tests, be sure to write down your scores so that you can keep track of your progress.

Each learning goal will be marked on a 1-4 scale. See below for a translation of what that means:

Category	Level	What Does This Mean?
Sophisticated	4-/4+	I can tie several concepts together and make connections
Proficient	3	I am consistently showing understanding
Developing	2	I am starting to understand, but have gaps
Beginning	1	I have not shown enough understanding to pass
No Evidence	NE	I did not attempt this concept





Your final grade will be 80% learning goals and 20% final exam.

One day each week will be a "from the land" learning. We will be either hosting a guest into our classroom space, or heading out to a different part of the Okanagan to learn on the land. For these field trips. These programs and field trips do have a cost. We will be charging students \$40 for the bus costs and programming costs. If this is a challenge at this time, please contact me at sbecker@sd67.bc.ca.

Field Trips: (details and dates TBA)

- Conkle Mountain
- Giants Head Mountain
- Skaha Bluffs
- Hardy Falls (Peachland)
- Vaseux Lake Pictographs
- SORCO (Raptor Society)
- ONA Trout Hatchery
- Summerland Trout Hatchery
- Water Treatment Plants Summerland

#### Programs:

- Hunting Presentation (SD67 Indigenous Programs)
- Tea Harvest (SD67 Indigenous Programs)

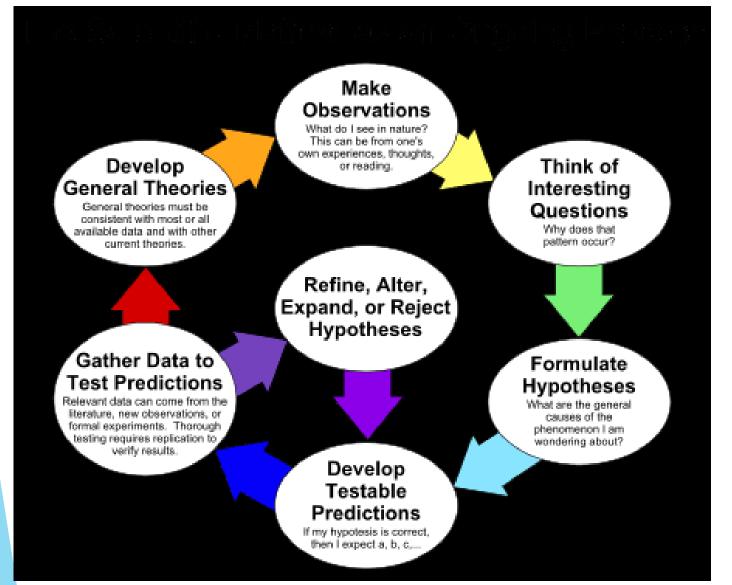
If something is worth doing, it is worth doing to the best of your ability!

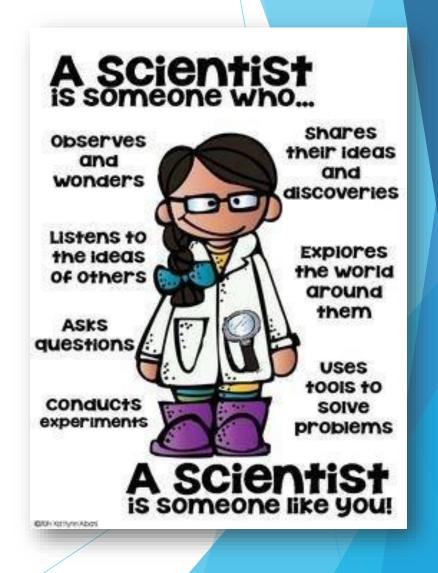
### Field Trips

- Learning from the Land
- Community Clean Up, Lake Clean Up
- Garden (along Main St)
- ► Water Quality, Water Treatment, etc
- Restoration Projects
- ► Hatchery (Summerland and Syilx)
- Local Farms
- Pictographs

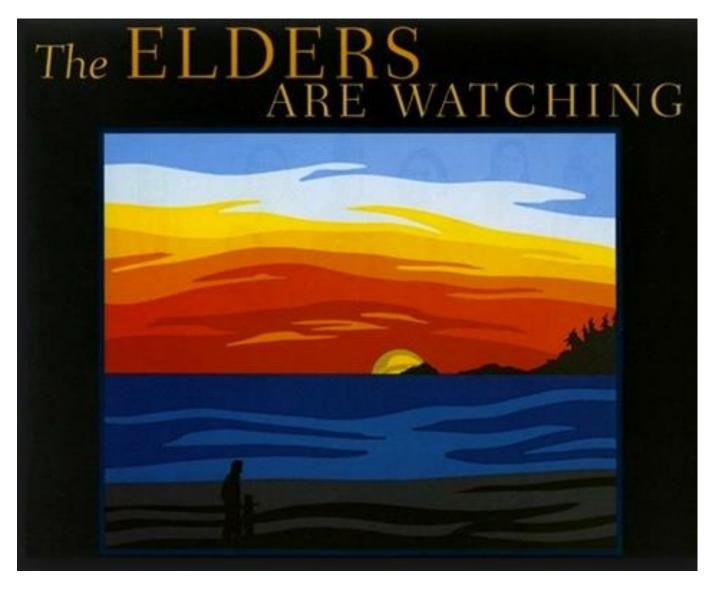
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## Acting Like A Scientist





### The Elders Are Watching

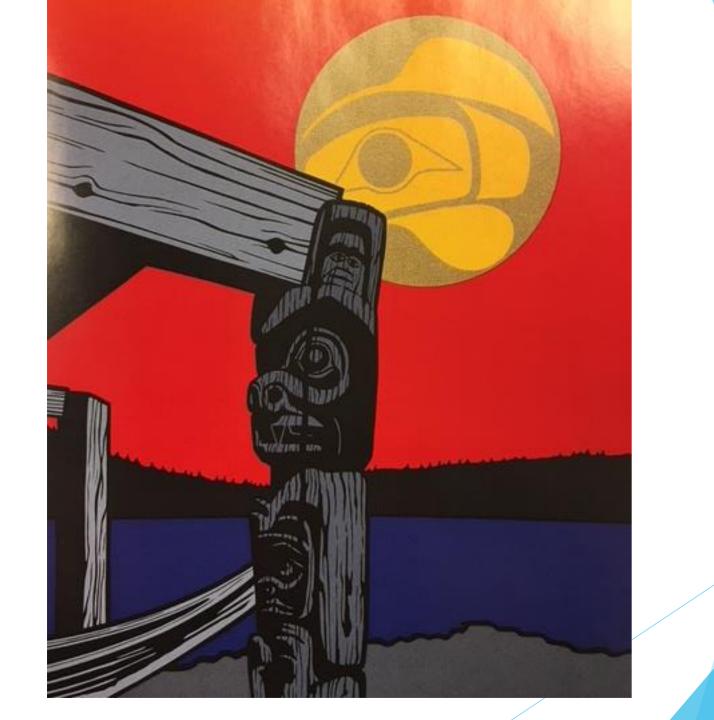


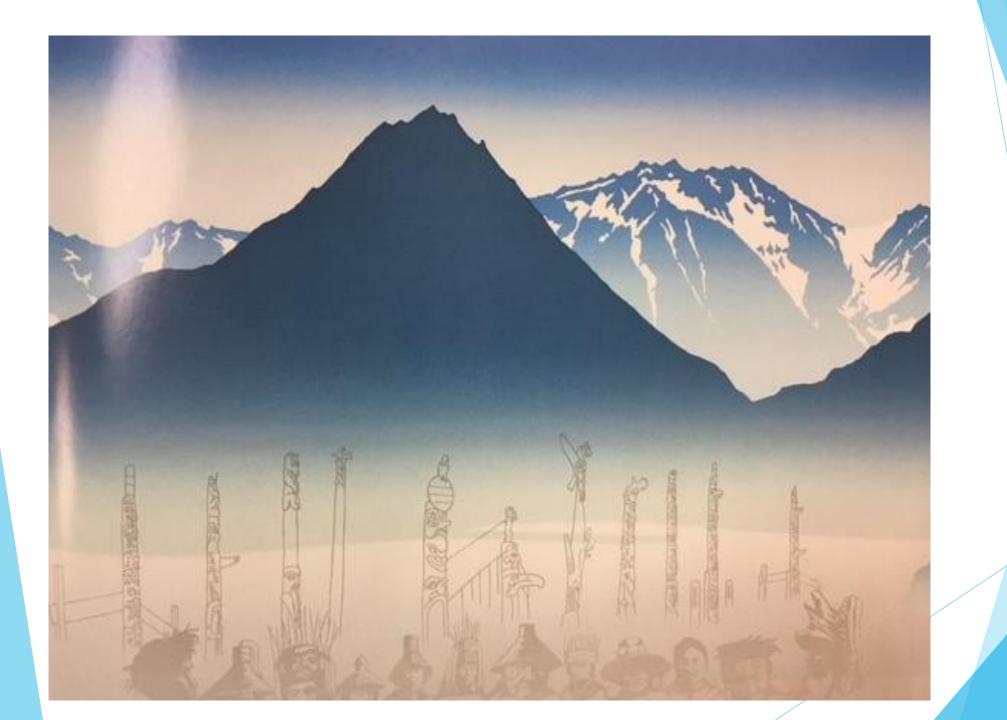
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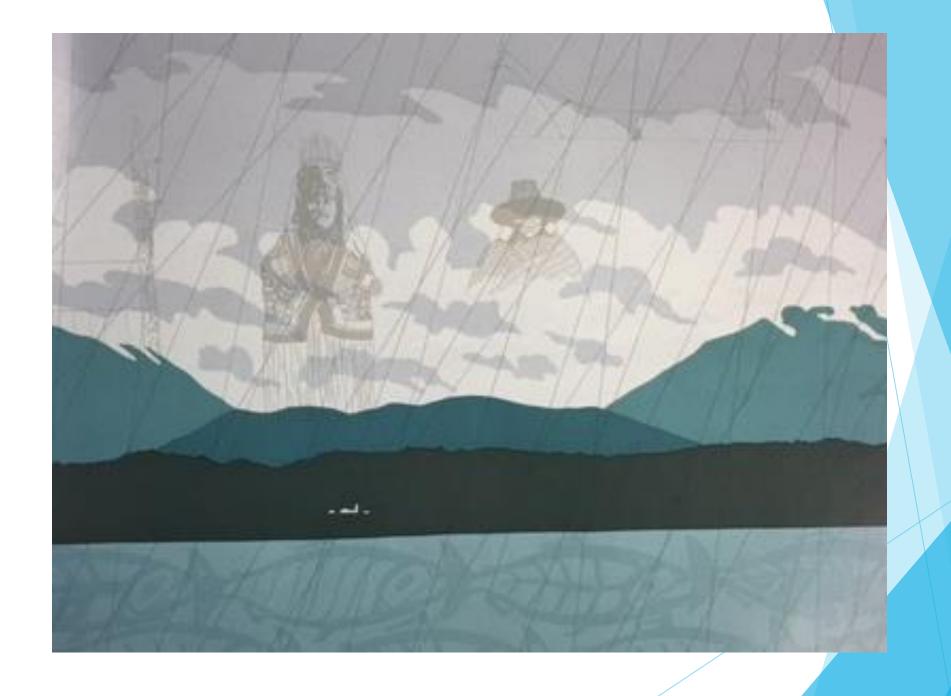




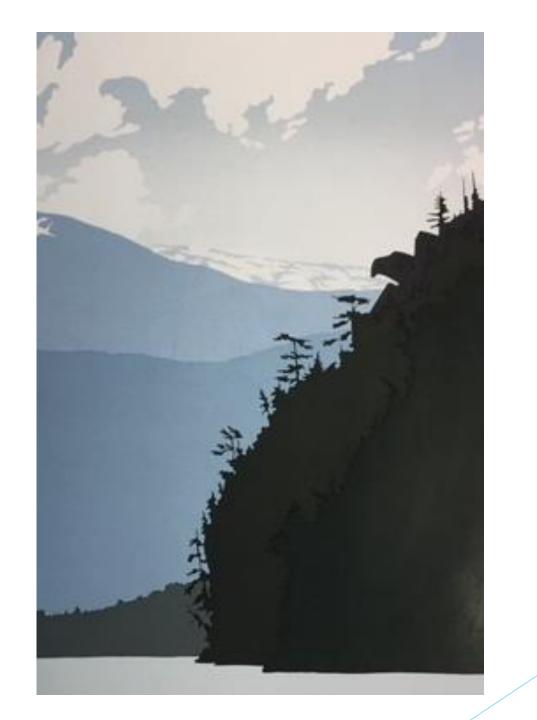






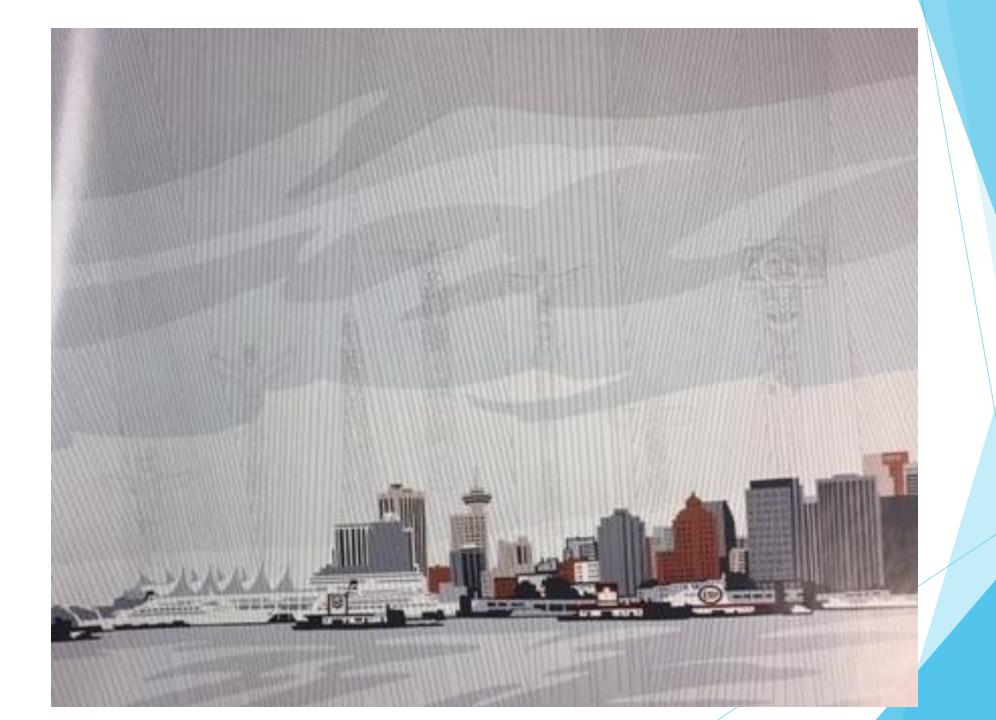


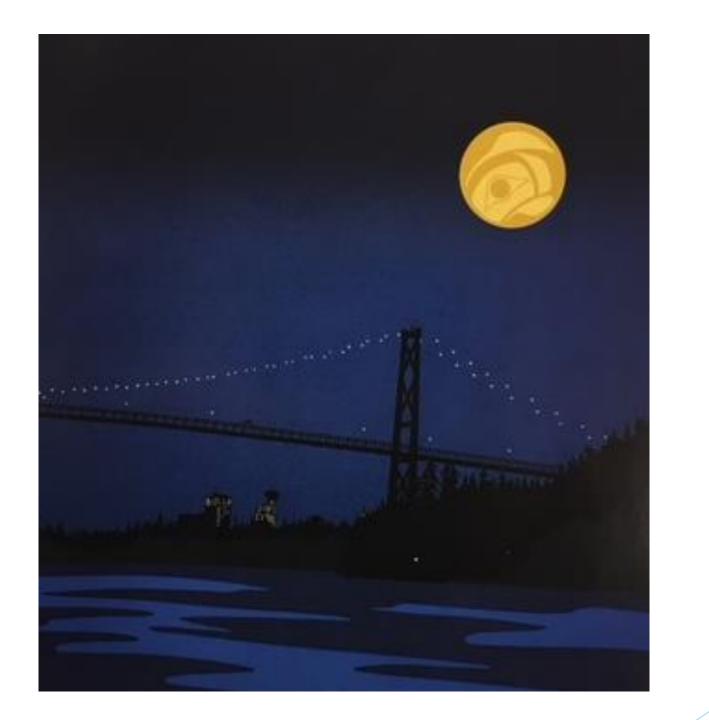








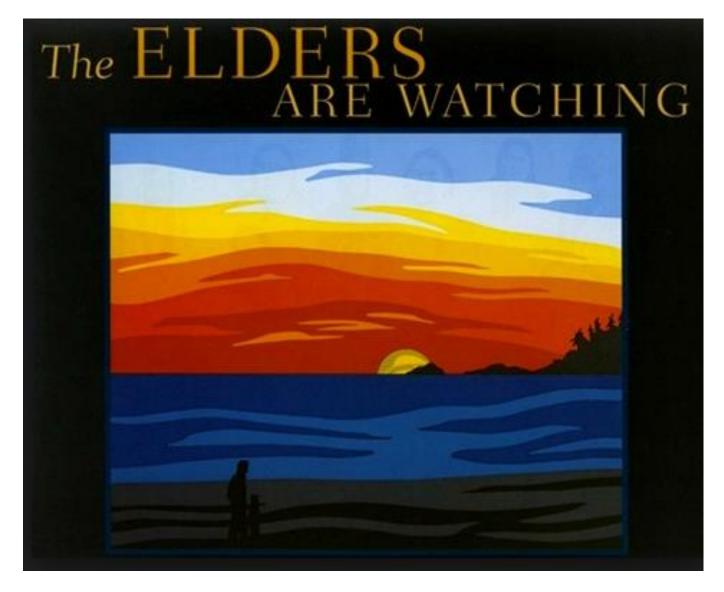








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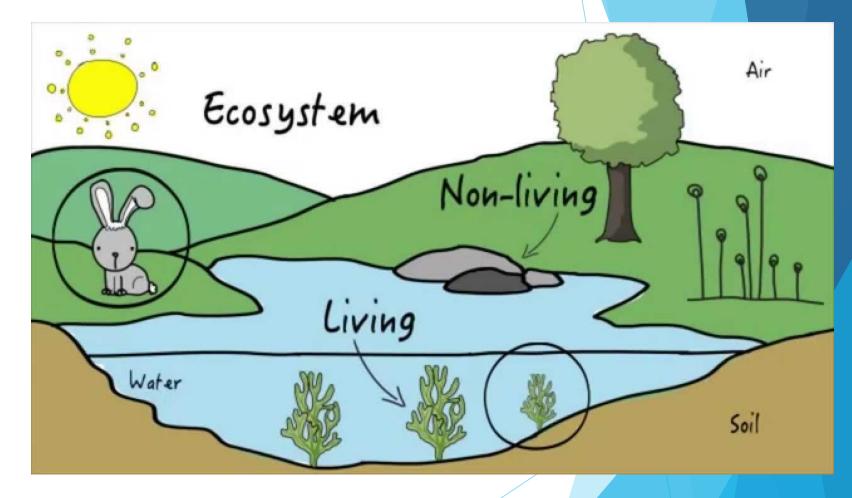


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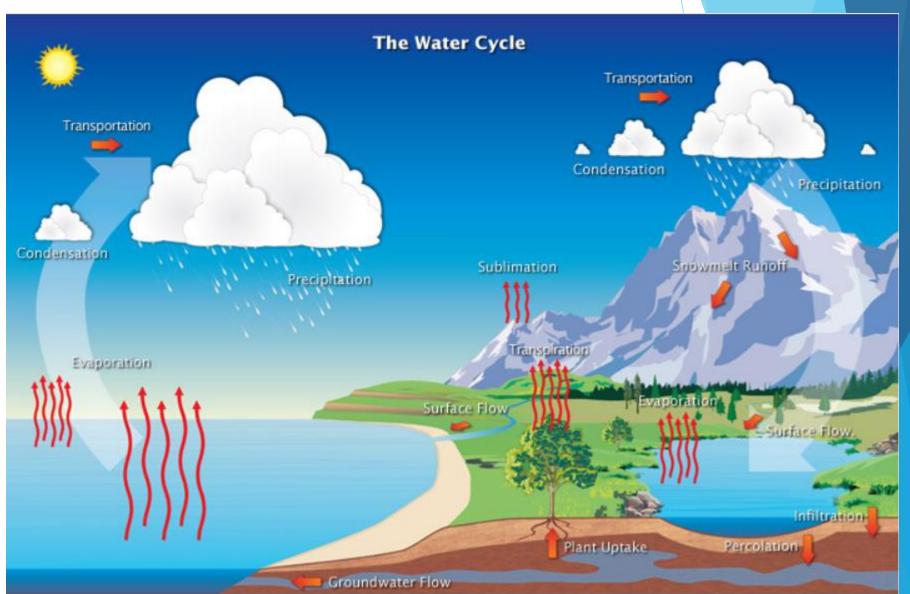
## What is an Ecosystem?

- An ecosystem is a large community of living organisms (plants, animals and microbes) in a particular area
- Biotic and abiotic components are linked together through nutrient cycles and energy flows.



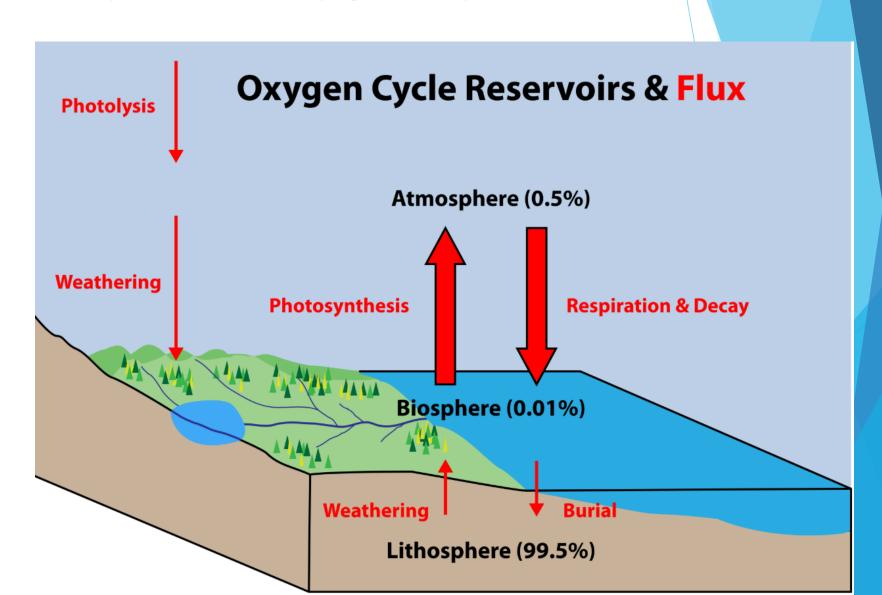
## Abiotic Factor Cycles - Water Cycle

- Precipitation
- Evaporation
- Condensation
- Sublimation
- Transpiration



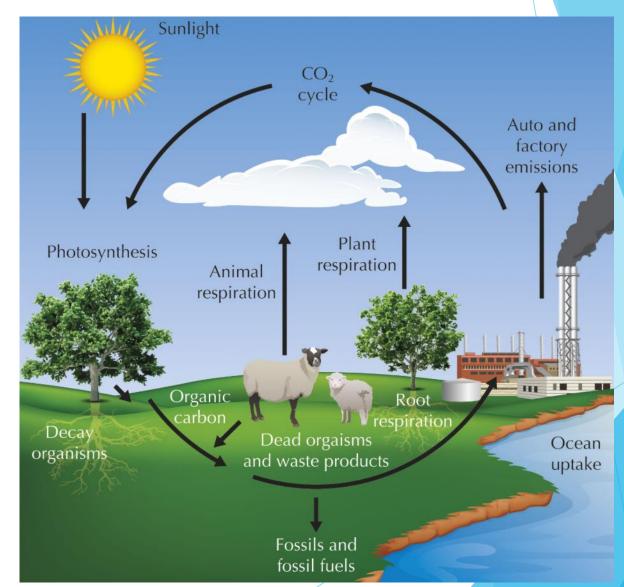
#### Abiotic Factor Cycles - Oxygen Cycle

- Photosynthesis
- Respiration
- Weathering
- Photolysis



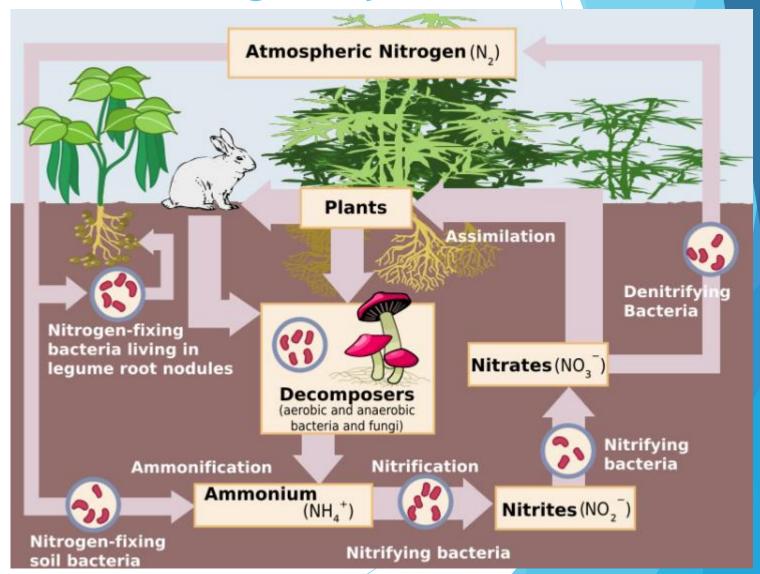
## Abiotic Factor Cycles - Carbon Cycle

- Decay
- Animal & Plant Respiration
- Photosynthesis
- Emissions
- Ocean Uptake
- Carbon Sink



#### Abiotic Factor Cycles - Nitrogen Cycle

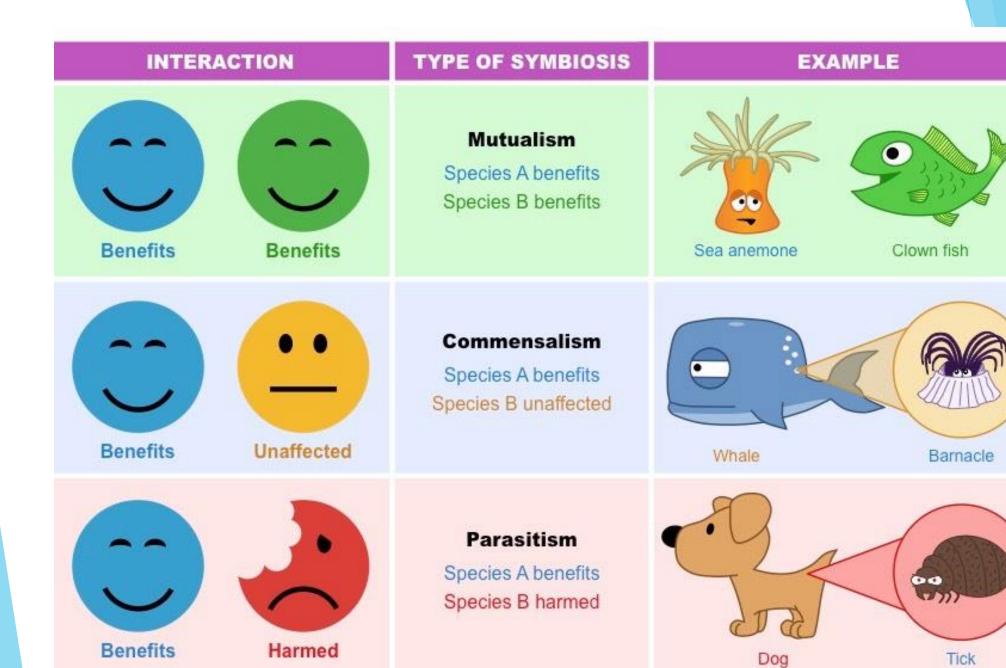
- Decomposers
- Nitrification (break down of ammonium)
- Nitrogen Fixing (atmospheric nitrogen put into useable forms)
- Denitrification (release of N<sub>2</sub>)



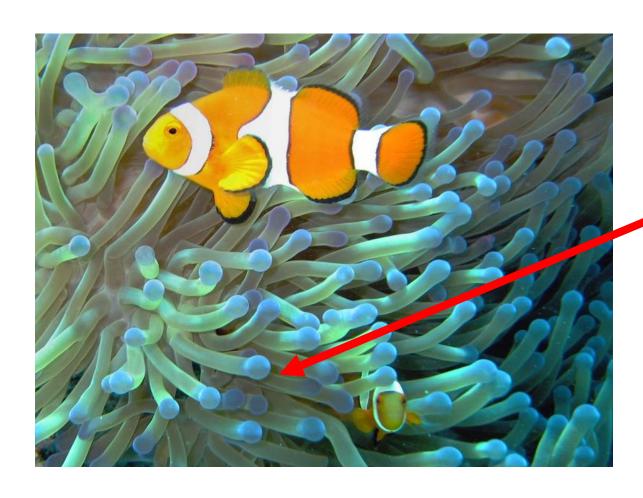
# Biotic Factor Relationships Symbiosis

- Symbiosis is when two organisms live and interact very closely together
- ► There are three types of symbolism:
  - Mutualism
  - Parasitism
  - Commensalism





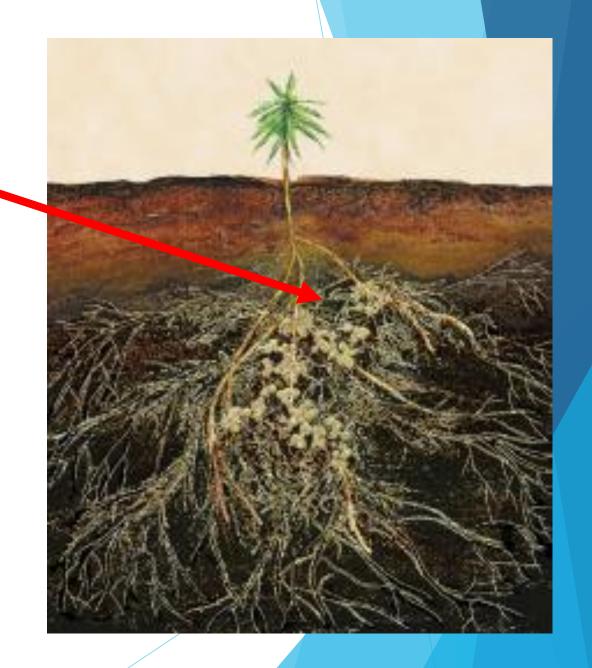
# Symbiosis in the Ocean



 Click on the photo to watch the video about symbiosis of the ocean

## Symbiosis with Mycorhizzae

- Mycorrhizae are a type of fungi that live in close proximity to tree roots
- Becomes a network for the trees to learn about water amounts, upcoming droughts, heat, e



#### The Biggest Little Farm

- As we watch documentary, write notes on:
  - What type of biotic and abiotic factors do they try to set up?
  - How does this concept of ecological relationship lead to a healthy balanced ecosystem?

