

Tools of the Biologist

Apprc, liately label each picture with one of the fc , wing terms:





Stage **Body Tube High power** objective Low power objective

Stage clips

Base



+The Compound Light Microscope

- One of the most important inventions in biology
- Ied to the discovery of the CELL
- In 1590 the first rudimentary microscop was developed, Later perfected by Galileo and later Leeuwenhoek





+ The Compound Light Microscope Calculating Total Magnification

Multiply

Ocular magnification x objective lens magnification

Ex. If viewing a slide under low power what is the total magnification of the specimen? (assume ocular 10x)

Answer: ocular 10x X low power 10x Total Magnification = 100x The Compound Light Microscope Calculating Total Magnification Complete the following: Total Magnification Objective 40x Scanning objective (4x) 100xLow Power objective (10x) 400x High Power objective (40x)

* The Electron Microscope

- Uses beams of electrons to magnify the image.
- Living specimens cannot be observed.











The Dissecting/Binocular Microscope Produces a 3-D image

Iow magnification

Useful for observing small organisms and body structures





+ Staining

 Structures in a cell can be made visible by using solutions which stain them.
(Methylene Blue or Lugol's iodine)



+ Separation Techniques

Ultracentrifuge

Separates the parts of a cell according to their density by whirling them in a test tube at a high speed.



+ Microdissection Instruments

Can be used under the microscope for removal, addition, or transfer of cell parts. Of the following, which instrument is most commonly used to observe the external features of a grasshopper's abdomen?

- 1) ultracentrifuge
- 2) microdissection instrument

3) dissecting microscope

4) electron microscope

 A student observed a Paramecium under the low power objective of a microscope (100x) and then under high power (400x). The image of the Paramecium under low power, compared to the image of the same Paramecium under high power, would be

1) smaller and in a darker field of view

2) smaller and in a brighter field of view

- 3) larger and in a darker field of view
- 4) larger and in a brighter field of view

+ Microscope Safety and Care

make sure cord is neatly wrapped

- carry with two hands (by arm and base)
- use lens paper to clean lens & stage



+ Slide Preparation

Specimen must be THIN for light to pass through

Stain may be needed to make specimen more visible

Coverslip should be placed at a 45 degree angle to avoid air bubbles



Making a Wet Mount for Microscopy - 1:20

+ Viewing a Slide

- 1. Always <u>begin</u> on the <u>lowest</u> available power (scanning lens)
 - Has widest and brightest field of view to locate specimen
- 2. <u>Center</u> specimen in the field of view (up is down, right is left)
- 3. <u>Focus</u> with coarse adjustment knob
- 4. Switch to low power and repeat #2 and #3
- 5. If switching to <u>high power, only use the FINE</u> adjustment to focus!
 - to prevent losing sight of your specimen & damaging the slide

+ Measurement Conversion

Larger Smaller

For an electronic balance, put the weighing paper on the balance and then use the re-zero button to set the balance to zero. Next, put the mustance on the paper and read the mass. The ne-zero button automatically subtracts the mass of the weighing paper from the total. The reading on the balance is the actual mass of the substance.

Review Questions

The crab shown in the following illustration has four pairs of walking legs and one pair of pincer legs. The crab is shown in its normal walking position.



In this position, what is the distance between the ends of the front pair of walking legs? (One of the front pair of walking legs is identified with an "X" in the illustration.) (1) 8.5 cm (2) 85 cm (3) 7.5 cm (4) 75 cm

- State which piece of laboratory equipment you would use to accurately measure 10 grams of glucose.
- Which piece of laboratory equipment would be used to most accurately measure the volume of a liquid? (1) beaker (2) balance (3) test tube (4) graduated cylinder
- A student measured a larva using a metric ruler, as represented in the following diagram.



What is the length of the larva? (1) 26 cm (2) 26 mm (3) 16 cm (4) 16 mm Draw a meniscus to represent a water level of 6 mL on the adjacent diagram of a graduated cylinder.

(4)



6. Which of the following graduated cylinders contains a volume of liquid closest to 15 mL?



7. Which of the following diagrams shows a correct measurement?



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