**Mom-centered**

My Mom died Saturday and I would like to change our exercise for this week (shouldn’t be too much of a disruption to you as you have only gathered an organism in a jar and we are using that).

Answer on your saved copy of this page and drop your exercise in the dropbox by Friday, Sept. 11 at midnight. The exercise is your version of a conversation between you and your “mom” about the creature you have in your jar.

1. Tell me who you will be using as your “mom” in this exercise.

**I showed my moss to my father. Historically he’s always had aquariums and plants all over the house and I thought he might appreciate my plant in a jar!**

1. Introduce the organism you have been keeping in a jar to your Mom. Your introduction should include the name you have given it (doesn’t have to be taxonomically correct but you should know what that means (look in your book’s Table of Contents)), where it came from and if it has been easy to keep alive.
2. Predict your Mom’s reaction to your “friend” (unless you can actually see her reaction, then record that). Does your Mom embrace diversity? This week is all about diversity and historically people have reacted differently to the diversity of life.
3. Would you have chosen a different organism if you knew you were showing it to “Mom”? What kinds of diversity does your mom like better (plants, animals, fungi, etc.)?
4. Ask your mom how she feels about change. Does she like seasonal change (we are getting a big taste of this in the next couple days)? Does she like watching you change?

Diversity and change are two of the central ideas of this week’s material and we honor our mom’s by asking their opinions on those two ideas.