



Rules for Biological Drawings



1. Drawings, labels, label lines, title, and underlining must be done using **pencil only** on **unlined paper** (NEVER lined, graph, or coloured paper).
2. Drawings should be **large**, preferably **1 drawing to a page** (2 maximum, unless otherwise instructed by your teacher). Be sure to leave space at the sides for labels, at the top for the title, and at the bottom for calculations and other information.
3. **Your name** and **date** must be in the **top right hand corner** of your drawing. An **underlined title** must be **centered at the top middle** of the page. The **specimen name**, **special characteristics** (e.g. special staining), **real size**, and **diagram magnification** must be written **below the drawing**.
4. All **labels** must be printed horizontally beside the sketch. The **label lines** must be drawn **using a ruler** and **MUST NOT cross**. Do not use **arrows**. Make sure your label lines **touch the structure** being labeled.
5. **Do not shade or colour** your drawing. **Use stippling** to show contrast.
6. Your drawing must be NEAT. Do not draw **sketchy lines**. If you erase, **erase completely**. Do not draw **broken lines**.
7. A drawing is a pictorial representation of what **YOU see**, therefore it must resemble the **specimen in front of YOU**. Draw from your specimen **NOT from the textbook**. DO NOT create a rough sketch in class (or at the microscope) and then transcribe and complete the drawing at home (or at your desk).

REMEMBER: A not-very-good drawing, properly labeled and showing insight into the structure, is much more useful for your education than an artistic drawing (or one copied from the text) with minimal labeling and no insight.

