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The two pillars of 20.109

• Authentic investigation
  – elements of design, unknown outcomes

• Authentic communication
  – professional style talks, visuals, writing

* your energy and investment paramount
Collaboration b/w us all
After 20.109, you should be able to...

- Implement laboratory protocols
- Design novel experiments with appropriate controls
- Organize a lab notebook
- Interpret qualitative data
- Analyze quantitative data
- Recognize utility of models
- Examine the scientific literature
- Communicate to various audiences, in various styles
- Present salient points of your own and others’ ideas
Semester-long workflow

• Work in pairs (shared draw, w T/R)
• Broader community collaboration
• Assessments
  – Major: reports, slides, presentations, certifications
  – Minor: quizzes, notebooks, blogs (HW optional)
  – Ask if something is unclear
    ▪ Available over email, occasional OH
  – Plan ahead and manage your time
Day-to-day workflow

- Announcements
- Quiz
- Pre-lab lecture
- Lab work
  - See wiki
- Hand in notebook pages before leaving
Annotating protocols

1. Begin by adding the correct amount of water to a 200 ul PCR tube. Add that amount +1 ul to a second PCR tube.
2. Next add the primers to each reaction. Be sure to change tips between additions.
3. Next add template to the first reaction tube.
4. Finally add PCR Master Mix to each tube, pipetting up and down to mix. Leave your tubes on ice until the entire class

#1 59, 60 ul
#2 ✓ ✓ #3 ✓ oops! tips not changed
#4 4 pm, sat on ice ⇒ 5 pm
Lab Safety

• Protection: gloves, glasses, coat, coverage
• Just in case... eyewashes, shower
• Hazards: sharps, fire, acids, bases, toxic, caustic, infectious, irritant
• Waste disposal
  - sharps
  - biohaz. barrel
  - bio and non-bio
  - broad definition
  - no liquids, solids, paper, gloves
  - non-sharp
  - biol. solids ok
  - biol. liquids --> bleached, sink
  - chem. waste --> fume hood
Time for demo and tour!