ADVANCED BIOLOGY - Biology, 9th Edition Readings for Unit 1: Themes & Characteristics of Life; Biochemistry; Organic Compounds

Page 2, Figure 1.3; Some properties of life
Page 4 – 5, Figure 1.4; Exploring levels of biological organization

Pages 2 – 9, Section 1.1; The themes of this book make connections across different areas of biology.

Page 14 – 16 (top); Charles Darwin and the theory of natural selection.

Page 32 (left column); The Elements of Life

Concept 2.3, pages 38 – 41 (through *Weak Chemical Bonds*); *The formation and function of molecules depend on chemical bonding between atoms.*

Chapter 3, Water and Life

- Overview & 3.1, page 46 47; Polar covalent bonds in water molecules result in hydrogen bonding.
- 3.2, page 47 56; Four emergent properties of water contribute to Earth's suitability for life.

Chapter 4, Carbon and the Molecular Diversity of Life

- Overview & 4.1, page 58 59; Organic chemistry is the study of carbon compounds.
- 4.2, p. 60 63; Carbon atoms can form diverse molecules by bonding to four other atoms.

Chapter 5, The Structure and Function of Large Biological Molecules

- Overview & 5.1, p. 68 69; *Macromolecules are polymers, built from monomers.*
- 5.2, p. 69 74; Carbohydrates serve as fuel and building material.
- 5.3, p. 74 77; Lipids are a diverse group of hydrophobic molecules.
- 5.4, p. 77 85; Proteins include a diversity of structures, resulting in a wide range of functions.
- 5.5, p. 86 88; Nucleic acids store, transmit, and help express hereditary information.
 (Nucleic acids will be studied in detail during our genetics unit.)