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Name	Period	Date	Lesson
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Lesson focus

Immune system modeling

Key words and questions	Prepared details and student notes
Essential question **What is today's target?**	Students will model an antigen-antibody response to show how adaptive immunity targets pathogens. Big idea: Antibody-antigen specificity is the molecular basis of adaptive immunity and explains why vaccines produce lasting protection. **My notes, examples, and questions**
Key words **What vocabulary unlocks the lesson?**	- skin - lymph - antibody - antigen - pathogen - vaccine - innate - adaptive **My notes, examples, and questions**

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Must-know ideas **What should I understand by the end?**	- Antibody shape is complementary to a specific antigen epitope; only matched pairs bind effectively. - On first exposure, the adaptive response is slow (days); memory B cells accelerate the response on re-exposure. - This lock-and-key specificity is the mechanism that vaccines exploit to pre-train memory cells. **My notes, examples, and questions**
Process notes **What happens during class?**	- 0-10: Quick review: antigen recognition, antibody binding, B cell role - 10-22: Build model: assign antibody and antigen shape cards; test matching - 22-42: First-exposure simulation: introduce antigen, trace slow primary response, record timeline - 42-58: Second-exposure simulation: reintroduce antigen, trace fast memory response, record timeline - 58-70: Draw comparison diagram: primary vs. secondary response with labeled timescales - 70-80: Submit comparison diagram and model notes **My notes, examples, and questions**

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Steps and evidence **What do I do and turn in?**	- Review antigen recognition and antibody binding. - Build a model pairing antibody shapes to antigen shapes. - Simulate a first exposure and a memory response. - Show how matched antibodies neutralize the pathogen. - Record how the response speeds up on second exposure. Evidence: Lab report - Comparison diagram of primary vs. secondary immune response with labeled antibody levels and timescales, plus model notes describing how matched antibodies neutralize the pathogen. **My notes, examples, and questions**
Checks for understanding **How do I know I got it?**	- Model shows specific antibody-antigen matching. - Notes describe a faster secondary memory response. **My notes, examples, and questions**

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Lab or safety notes
What must I handle carefully?

Safety:
- No chemical hazards in this activity; standard classroom behavior expectations apply.
- Handle all shared materials with clean hands; use hand sanitizer at the start and end of class.
- Return all model components to the designated container at the end of the period.

Supplies:
- Antibody and antigen shape cards (teacher-prepared or student-cut)
- Colored markers or stickers to code matched pairs
- Blank timeline strips (paper or whiteboard)
- Lab notebook or printed comparison-diagram template
- Tape or clips to arrange model on desk

My notes, examples, and questions

Summary

Today's lesson focused on Immune system modeling. The main target was: Students will model an antigen-antibody response to show how adaptive immunity targets pathogens. The evidence of learning is Lab report: Comparison diagram of primary vs. secondary immune response with labeled antibody levels and timescales, plus model notes describing how matched antibodies neutralize the pathogen.. In my own words, the most important idea from today is:

My summary

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My final question or connection