



***Scientific Inquiry
through Plants
Sip³***

***You will make
a difference!***

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Over the next five years we will change the meaning of "Science Education" for many people.

We are pleased you've stopped by to see what is happening. We'd also like you to consider how you can participate and/or assist our efforts.

Scientific Inquiry through Plants *Sip*³ - An Overview

- What is Scientific Inquiry through Plants *Sip*³?
- Why are we developing *Sip*³?
- What do we hope to accomplish?
- What has happened so far?
- How can YOU participate?
- When do YOU need to be involved?

Scientific Inquiry through Plants Sip³ - what is it?

Scientific Inquiry through Plants is an innovative forum allowing students to discover biological core concepts through hands-on inquiry projects and online mentorship from plant scientists.

www.plantbiology.org

The Research Projects



Scientific Inquiry through Plants

Integrating original research, education and scientific mentoring.

Supported by the



The Online Forum Bringing Everything Together

The Scientists

The Students & Educators

Resources

Research TOPICS

The Wonder of Seeds

Participating Schools

- The Bush School
- Pershing County High School
- Emporia State University
- Sisters Middle School

Sip³ Main Menu

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Online

0 unregistered users and 1 registered user on-line.

You are logged-in as **bdahl**.

Welcome to our Preview

Welcome to our Preview. We don our dust while we are developing the site in anticipation of showing it at Botany 2005.

Welcome to Scientific Inquiry through Plants!

Thank you for your interest in this project. You search deep enough to be touched by our vision and to see the potential we believe integrative scientific mentoring has to offer. We'd love to hear your comments and ideas for assisting the project.

Over the next five years we will change the meaning of "Science Education" for many people. While looking around the site, we'd also like you to consider how you can participate and/or assist our efforts.

In late August 2005, Sip3 will be a fully functional site. At present you are viewing a preview. We didn't want you to miss anything.

The evolution from last year's pilots is dramatic. We have incorporated many of the options and safety features students, teachers, scientists and the development committee suggested. We will be reviewing these options/features at our next meeting at the Botany 2005 Educational Forum in Austin, Texas August 12-13. We will pilot the new site this fall and open it to full participation in January 2006. If your class is interested in participating in the fall pilots or the 2006 launch, please email us at: sip3@botany.org.

To say we are excited about the possibilities in front of us, would be a vast understatement.

Remember, real science is a verb, not a noun! Get involved for real change.

If you are new to Sip3, welcome!! We look forward to your involvement. For those of you who have been a part of the program from the beginning, thanks for your continuing participation and support! Your thoughts, comments and hard work have made it all possible.

Sincerely,

Bill Dahl

Week



David Spooner - BSA Secretary

What an adventure, this is my career!

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Meet the Sip³ Scientists

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SIP³ Resources

- Instructor Resources
- Student Resources

SIP³ Resources

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Research Page for **Pershing County High School, Team 5**

Our research question is:

How do Monocots compare to Dicots, in terms of Germination time, sprout size, etc...?

[Website Guide](#), [Student Research Guide](#), [Suggested Resources](#), [Supplemental Materials](#)

VIEW

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Peer Review Comments

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Team Responses

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Scientists' Comments

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Research Discussion

4/20/05 12:15PM - T5: Our research question is: How do Monocots compare to Dicots?

4/22/05 2:01PM - T5: First upload of our data is complete.



4/24/05 5:39PM - **Dr. Beverly Brown:** Your data suggest you are starting to see changes in color? Integrity of the seed coat? Anything else?

5/2/05 11:42AM - **PEER COMMENT from Bush Team 4 - "Buckwheat Biologists":** We are also growing buckwheat and we were wondering what your results of growth were, because your data sheet says there is no other data after day 2.

5/2/05 1:59PM - **T5(Sean) Response to Dr. Brown:** We are seeing some changes in our seeds, like the colors all seem to be getting slowly brighter. The shape and sizes of the seeds are still growing and changing. Although some seeds seem to have stopped growing, the others continue to grow.

5/2/05 2:00PM - **Dr. Brown:** Your results for growth are updated on our Data sheet. Sorry for the delay, but you can see from our updated info (if it isn't up yet) that in length, the seeds are growing, but they're erratic. It should be up by the same time this is, so it should be up by now.

5/4/05 1:00PM - **Dr. Brown:** I'm interested in the same kind of question as you, but we chose to do a different experiment.



5/4/05 11:45AM - **Dr. Jeffrey Osborn:** Dear Team 5: I think comparing monocots and dicots is a fascinating idea. Have you done much research on this yet?

Peer comment from Bush HS to Pershing CHS--teams both growing buckwheat seeds

Scientists feedback, w/ image to make personal connection

Why are we developing Sip³ ?

- #10 The Bruce Alberts challenge
- #9 Plants are the best medium for scientific inquiry
- #8 Our mission and objectives
- #7 Our Common Vision for Change
- #6 We Can Take the Mountain to Mohammad!!!
- #5 Our staff
- #4 Students
- #3 Teachers
- #2 Our members
- #1 By acting we will create positive change

*Why are we developing **Sip**³?*

The Impact vs. Cost Equation

**(greatest potential for change +
impact on mission)**

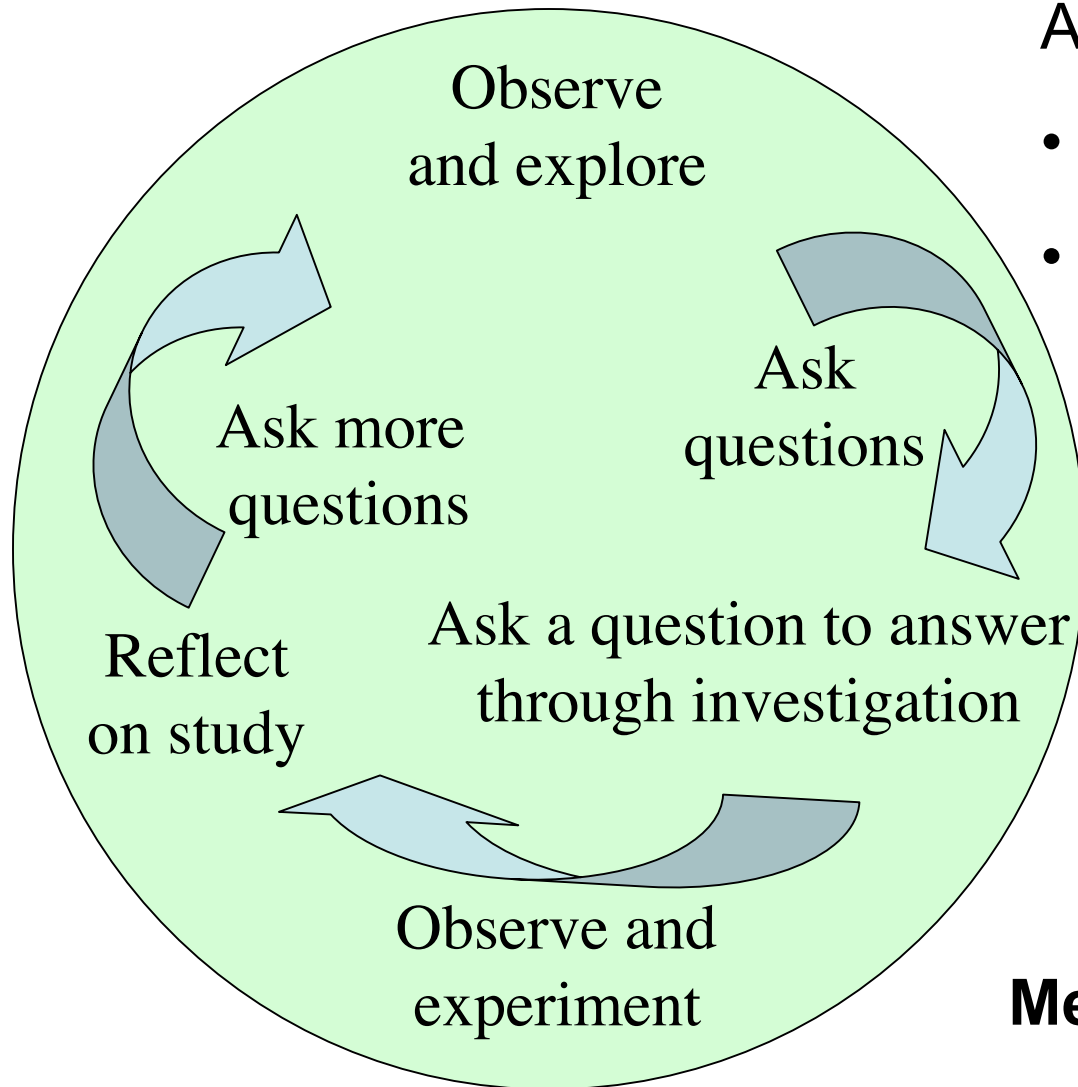
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**(minimal expenditure + ~~position~~ commitment
+ ability to reach students)**

*What do we hope to accomplish with the development of **Sip**³?*

- Change the way young people perceive and engage in science
- Increase the potential for Student - Teacher - Scientist interactions
- Improve scientific literacy and increase interest in science
- Mentorship of K-16 students
- **Positively impact BSA mission**

Teaching and learning through inquiry



Apply the inquiry cycle:

- conducting research
- training graduate students

Inquiry = engaged learning

Engaged learning = deep learning

Memorization ≠ Learning

What has happened so far?

- Bruce Alberts challenge
- March 2005 meeting
- Pilot website
- Spring 2005 pilots
- Website developments

What has happened so far?

Dr. Beverly Brown and the
**Scientific Inquiry through Plants
Research Topics**



[The Wonder of Seeds](#)

What has happened so far?

Valdine McClean
and the Pershing County High School experience



Pershing County High School



Team 1:

Jessie G., Ryan S., Tisha C.,
Whitney H., Aja G.

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 2:

Katrina H., Jessica P.,
Karlee F., Uli S., Holly R.,
Cassie B.

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 3:

Dean H., Zack P., Kala B.,
Kim B., Becky J., Tony N.

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 4:

Michael G., Thomas S., Jared
S., Charlie D., Abraham K.

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Demographics for District

- Enrollment: 797
- Ethnicity: 8% American Indian, 1% Asian/Pacific Islander, 25% Hispanic, 1% Black, 65% Caucasian
- Low Socio/Economic: 45%
- Special Education: 22%

Pilot Project Participant Stats

- Sophomore Biology Students
- Scores on Iowa Tests of Educational Development:

	Reading	Language	Math	Science
Pershing	39	37	35	41
Nevada average	41	42	42	42
National norm	50	50	50	50



Team 1 - The Sweets:

Haley, Emily, Hannah,
Chelsea, Taryn

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 2: Swedish Hotdogs

Drew, Randy, Eric

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 3: The Sprouts

Haley, Ami, Janelle

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 4: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Annie, Claire, Justine

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 5: The Pyro Gardeners

Jake, Austin

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 6: Pink Panthers

Chase, Zane, Holden, Beth

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 7: The Nerds

Julia, Hillary, Ashley, Callie

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 8: The Green Team

Bastian, Dallas, Billy

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 9: 4 Kings of Science

Daniel, Kevin, Hayden, Will

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 10: Seed Eaters

Josh, Race, Brennan, Drew

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 11: Outlaw Gardeners

Parker, Sean, Zander

PROJECT COMPLETED



Team 12: Monkeys

Brandi, Cassandra, Sara,
Michelle

PROJECT COMPLETED



Research Page for **Sisters Middle School, Team 13** **Mike and the *Taco***

Our research question is: Which corn seeds will grow faster if 1 container of corn seeds is put in sunlight while rinsed and the other container of corn seeds is put in the dark while rinsed?

[Website Guide](#), [Student Research Guide](#), [Suggested Resources](#), [Supplemental Materials](#)

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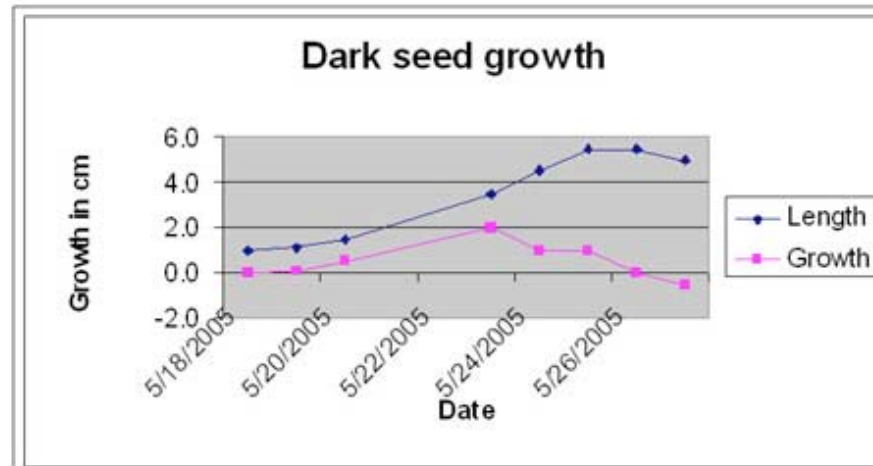
Thr 5/19/05 3:01 PM - T13 The first upload of our journal is complete. **Hypothesis:** We think the container of corn seeds in sunlight will grow the fastest because that container will be able to take in 2x as much nutrients.



Fri 5/27/2005 7:18 AM - Dr. Beverly Brown: It sounds as if you are off and running! I'm curious to know what you think the connection is between sunlight and the ability to obtain nutrients. Why do you think it will be 2X faster in the sunlight? I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Thr 5/19/05 3:01 PM - T13 Our first data upload is complete.

Research Information

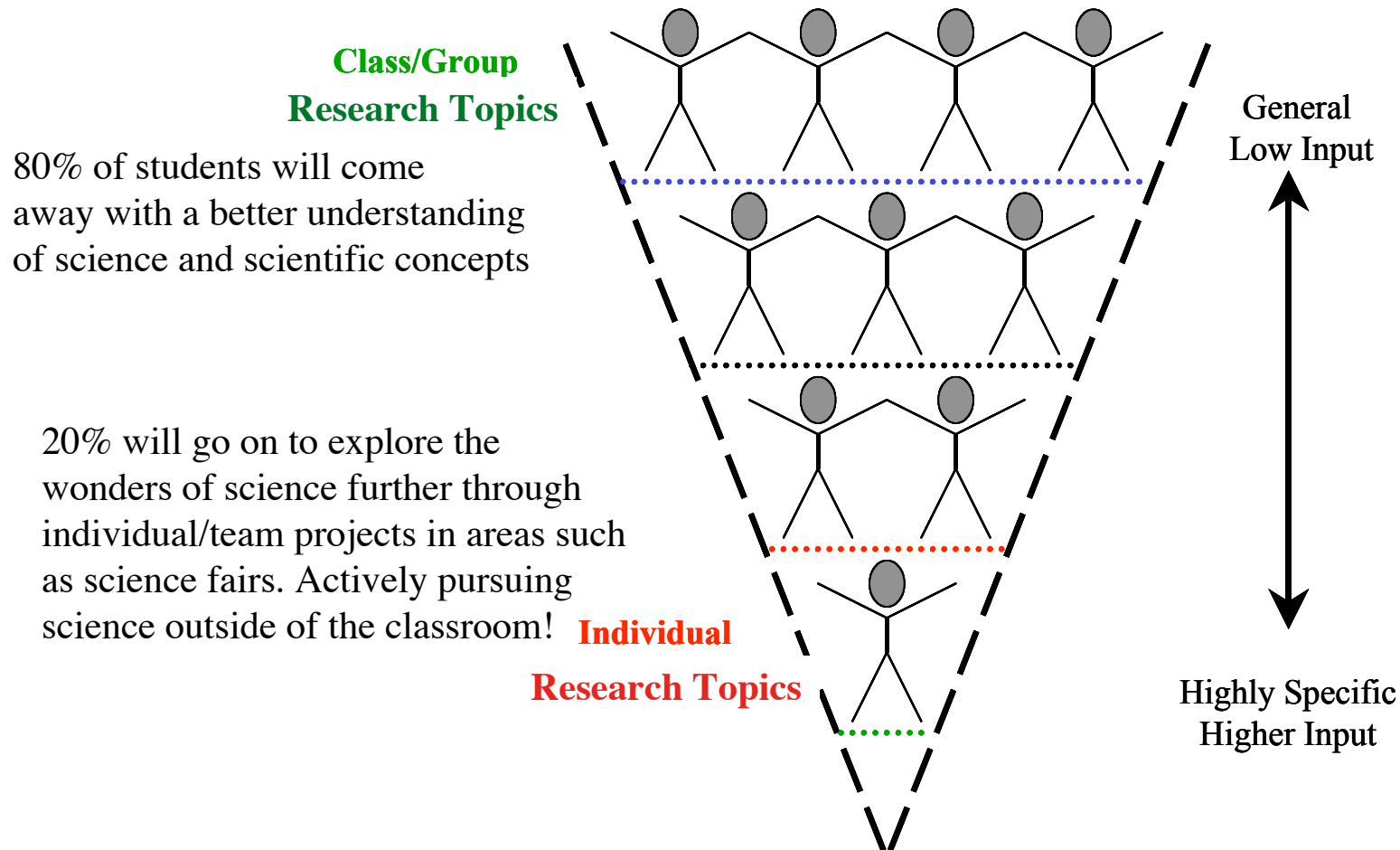


Where are we going from here?

- Today's developments
- Tomorrow's workshop
- Website Changes
- Fall Pilots
- Assessment & alterations
 - Student assessment
 - System assessment
 - Standards assessment
- January 2006 launch
- Scientific Society Collaboration

Where are we going from here?

Participation Level, Specificity and Required Input



How YOU can participate?

- Three more sessions today
 - Scientist & Teacher Breakouts 2a. & 2b.
 - Pulling it all together session 3.
- Workshop tomorrow
- Fall 2005 pilots & January 2006 launch
 - Participating schools
 - Participating scientist

When do YOU need to get involved?

- NOW!
- Email sip3@botany.org
- Go to www.plantbiology.org
- See us now.....

- **WE need YOUR expertise!**

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- Involvement Opportunities
 - Research Project Development
 - Research Project Leadership
 - Service Leadership
 - ~1.5 service hours per month
- Impact
 - BSA Mission & Objectives
 - BSA Leadership in Science Education
 - ~ 400,000 students over the first five years
 - BSA Leading Society & Scientific Collaboration





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