Photosynthesis Chapter 10

- 1. Distinguish between autotrophs and heterotrophs.
- 2. Describe the pathway taken by the CO₂ molecules used in photosynthesis from the atmosphere into the chloroplasts inside lead cells.
- 3. Describe photosynthesis as a redox process.
- 4. For the reactants and products in photosynthesis, identify the steps in which each is used or produced.
- 5. Describe the path taken by carbon dioxide to reach the chloroplasts inside leaf cells.
- 6. The Calvin cycle requires ATP and NADPH, products of the light reactions. Provide a response to the claim that the light reactions don't depend on the Calvin cycle and, with continual light, could just keep on producing ATP and NADPH.
- 7. Explain why the leaves of most plants appear green.
- 8. Describe the events that occur when a photon is absorbed by a photosystem.
- 9. Identify the color of light that is least effective in providing energy for photosynthesis. Justify your response.
- 10. In an experiment, isolated chloroplasts placed in an illuminated solution with the required chemicals can produce ATP. Predict what would happen to the rate of ATP synthesis if a molecule is added to the solution that makes membranes freely permeable to hydrogen ions.
- 11. Explain how the high number of ATP and NADPH used by the Calvin cycle is consistent with the high energy content of glucose.
- 12. In an experiment, plant cells are exposed to a molecule that inhibits an enzyme of the Calvin cycle. Predict the effect of the molecule on the light reactions.
- 13. Describe photosynthesis and cellular respiration as reverse processes.