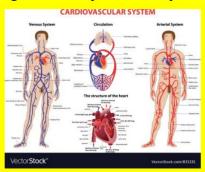
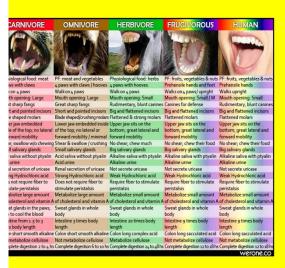
Chapter 1.2 Unifying Themes of Biology

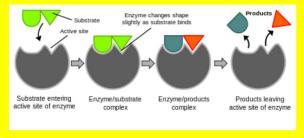
- I. All Levels of Life Have Systems of Related Parts
- A. <u>System</u>: an organized group of related parts that interact to form a whole
 - 1. systems can be large or small
 - 2. systems function best when all parts are working properly
 - 3. an <u>Ecosystem</u> is a physical environment with different species that interact with one another and with non-living things ex. temperate forest, fallen tree
 - 4. Biologists study whole systems or the parts of the system

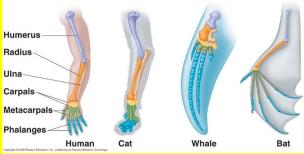




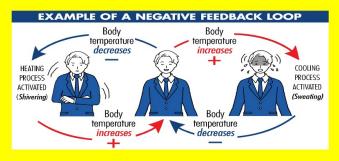
- B. Structure and Function
- 1. Structure: how something is built (anatomy)
- 2. <u>Function</u>: the job that can be performed ex. teeth, enzymes, limbs







- C. Organisms must maintain Homeostasis
- 1. <u>Homeostasis</u>: maintaining a constant internal environment in an organism
 - a. lack of homeostasis leads to disease and death
 - b. body temperature
 - c. blood sugar
- 2. Negative Feedback systems help control homeostasis
 - a. stimulus: a change or condition that causes a response
 - b. set point: the normal range or setting
 - c. negative feedback systems work to bring conditions back to the set point.



- D. Evolution explains the Unity and Diversity of Life
- 1. Evolution: the change of living things over time
 - a. populations of organisms evolve
 - b. Natural Selection: one process that drives evolution
 - 1. favorable traits (adaptations) are selected for and build up in a population over time.
 - a. organisms are "born" with adaptations
 - b. <u>Adaptations</u>: genetic traits that give organisms an advantage in survival and reproduction



