Biotech Brain Dissection *by C. Kohn, Waterford WI*

Partner Names: Hour Date:

Date Assignment is due: Why late? Score: + ✓ -
 If your project was late, describe why

**Directions**: Work with your assigned partner to complete this worksheet. When one person is writing, the other should help them determine what to write. Switch roles after each question. Please initial after each question you write.

+ = all space is completely used w/ legible answers. ✓= expectations were met but not exceeded. - = redo assignment

For each of the following, describe what you will be looking for on the actual organ when you dissect it. Be specific!

1. Parietal Lobe:  *Initials’*
2. Frontal Lobe:
 *Initials’*
3. Primary Motor Cortex:  *Initials’*
4. Premotor Cortex:  *Initials’*
5. Cerebellum:  *Initials’*
6. Amygdala:  *Initials’*
7. Hippocampus:  *Initials’*

*In addition, you will be identifying the following:*

1. Temporal Lobe: this is the portion of the brain that is on the side of the brain on the lower half. It is necessary for the retention of visual memory, for understanding language, and is related to emotion.
2. Occipital Lobe: this is the back portion of the brain that processes visual information, helping the brain to make sense of the stimuli from the eyes.
3. Brain Stem: this is the structure that connects the brain to the spinal cord.
4. Corpus Callosum: these are the thick nerve fibers on the inside of the brain that connect the left and right hemispheres of the brain.
5. Thalamus: the thalamus is a structure on the inside of the brain that helps to regulate motor signals from the brain to the body as well as sensory signals from the body to the brain. The thalamus also regulates consciousness and sleep.
6. Pituitary gland: an endocrine gland that hangs from the front interior of the brain (similar to a cherry on a stem); it secretes hormones that control functions such as growth, blood pressure, sexual development, metabolism, and more.

**Directions**: After completing this sheet, show your instructor; after getting approval, you will move to your lab station where your brain and dissection tools will be waiting for you.

You will need a lab coat, gloves, and goggles for this dissection.

Once you have the appropriate safety apparel, your primary job is to find each of the items on this page. You may not find all items on this sheet – you need to determine whether or not each item is present, defend your choice, and be ready to present to instructor when you have finished.

When you have finished, your instructor will ask you to point out each of these structures on your brain and describe their function.

**Materials needed**: gloves, lab coats, goggles, sheep brain (1/group – Nasco Product Number: LS03354M).