



Community Spotlight

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A Curious Display: a case study on genetically modified organisms provided in written English and American Sign Language

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Module Description:

This resource consists of materials for implementing a case study on genetically modified organisms. The case is provided in written English and American Sign Language. The Case Analysis Sheet, which is included in this resource, can be used as a scaffold for students when they begin a new case study. This sheet will help students generate questions and reflect on what they already know about the topics in a case, as well as identify types of resources to use as they learn more about GMO's.

Teaching Setting:

This case study, which is appropriate for high school and undergraduate biology courses, was designed using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles and is therefore suitable for a variety of classroom settings, including but not limited to, classrooms with deaf/hard-of-hearing students.

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Conference attendees experienced a performance by [Sunshine 2.0](#), a professional traveling theater troupe based at Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. The troupe travels to schools and a variety of venues to provide performances highlighting topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) and educational topics pertaining to the Deaf experience. Their engaging shows provide valuable insights into the human condition and demonstrate how hearing and deaf people can interact and engage with one another. [Learn more about Sunshine 2.0.](#)

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