Unit One: Matter and Energy Cycles in Biotic Systems (Ch. 3)

"I can…"	
	classify organisms as producers, herbivores, omnivores, carnivores,
	detritivores (decomposers).*
	create a food web with at least four trophic levels.
	predict the impacts of removing organisms from various trophic levels of a
	food web.
	describe trends seen in the biomass pyramid, numbers pyramid, and
	energy pyramid.
	explain the causes of energy loss at each trophic level.
	compare and contrast how matter and energy flow through an ecosystem.

Essential Vocabulary/Concepts:

autotroph

bioaccumulation

biomass pyramid

carnivore

consumer

decomposer

detritivore

ecological pyramid

ecosystem

energy pyramid

food chain

food web

herbivore

heterotroph

keystone species

omnivore

primary/first-level consumer

primary productivity

producer

pyramid of numbers

quaternary/fourth-level consumer

saprophyte

scavenger

secondary/second-level consumer tertiary/third-level consumer

trophic level