



## Tree of Life Poster/Collage

**Your Challenge:** To take the taxonomic groups listed on page 2 and arrange them into a tree of life. Create a large visual poster/collage that visually shows the organization of these major kingdoms, phyla, classes, and orders of living things. And for each taxonomic group shown, your poster/collage should include an image (drawn or pasted) of a representative species from that group as well as a few words labeling and describing what that group is. For example, one group on your poster might be presented like this:

### **Phylum: Arthropoda**

Animals with hard exoskeletons and jointed appendages



**The best poster/collages will be those that include:**

- All of the taxonomic groups listed.
- A brief (5-10 words) description of who/what is in each group.
- A picture (original or clipped) of a representative species for each group.
- A visual layout that clearly shows the organization of the groups relative to each other.
- Graphics that are neat and attractive. Include an overall title and your names.
- Bonus: creative spark and or extra scientific detail.

**The groups you need to include are listed on the next page →**

**Here are the taxonomic groups you need to include:**

Kingdom Archaeobacteria

Kingdom Eubacteria

Kingdom Fungi

(For this one, show two different representative example species.)

Kingdom Protista

(For this one, show three different representative example species.)

Kingdom Plantae

Phylum Anthophyta (Flowering Plants)

Phylum Coniferophyta (Conifers)

plus one other plant phylum of your choice

Kingdom Animalia

Phylum Porifera (Sponges)

Phylum Cnidaria (Jelly fish, corals)

Phylum Platyhelminthes (flatworms)

Phylum Nematoda (roundworms)

Phylum Mollusca (mollusks)

Phylum Annelida (annelids)

Phylum Arthropoda (arthropods)

Phylum Echinodermata (starfish, urchins)

Phylum Chordata (vertebrates)

Class Osteichthyes (bony fish)

Class Amphibia (amphibians)

Class Reptilia (reptiles)

Class Aves (birds)

Class Mammalia (mammals)

Orders—choose three orders of mammals to show on your poster;

...then, in just one order of mammal, take the classification all the way to a single (non-human) species.