Health for Life

Worksheet: Focus on Infectious Diseases

Name: ________________________________  Class: __________________  Date: ______________

Answer each question.

1. What is a pathogen? What do pathogens cause?

2. Identify the three ways in which infectious diseases can be passed from one person to another.

3. The body has several ways to prevent a pathogen from entering it. List and explain two.

4. Briefly describe the main components of the immune system.

5. Describe an infectious disease caused by a bacteria.

6. Explain the difference between influenza and a common cold.

7. What is athlete’s foot and how can it be prevented?

8. Which type of infectious disease is malaria? What causes malaria, and how can it be prevented?

9. How is the handling of food related to infectious disease?