

1. Protozoa

examples: _____ level of complexity: _____

body symmetry: _____ body shape: _____

observed similarities (note any exceptions):

1**2****3**2. Porifera

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1**2****3**3. Cnidaria

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1**2****3**4. Platyhelminthes

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1**2****3**5. Nematoda

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6. Mollusca

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7. Annelida

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8. Arthropoda

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9. Echinodermata

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10. Chordata

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