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Plasma Membrane Model Worksheet

1. Why is the plasma membrane considered to be fluid in nature?

2. Describe the structure and orientation of phospholipids in the plasma membrane. What properties of the membrane impact the physical structure?

3. What does it mean to say that the membrane is selectively permeable rather than totally permeable?

4. List some of the functions of membrane proteins.

5. Sketch the general structure of the plasma membrane and label the parts.