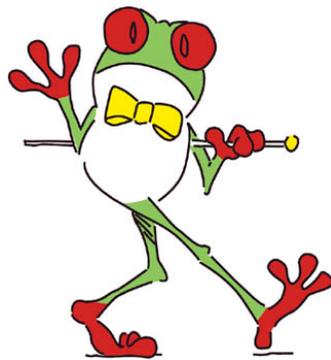




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Need for and Goals of the Program

“All children have a natural curiosity about the world around them.”

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Goals and Objectives:

This program fills a need, critical in concrete stages of development in science that broadens understanding and applied knowledge essential in ecology and biology. This program introduces general structures of species, investigates organs and systems, physiology, and interdependence of the major organs in various species of the animal kingdom. Students acquire and retain an in-depth understanding of the diversity of life and relationships through basic anatomy and physiology analyzing comparative anatomy, function, evolution. Students in every domain of science should have the opportunity to use scientific inquiry and develop the ability to think and act in ways associated with inquiry, including using appropriate tools and techniques to gather data. Inquiry is the thread that binds science courses. Teachers give students opportunities to engage in and reflect on natural phenomena through inquiry (observing, organizing, experiment/laboratory and communicating). This is the heart of science.

Students want to learn about subjects they personally connect with or have prior knowledge. Active learning lessons, through inquiry, encourage integration into students' daily lives and focused interest. CSI scenarios connect science with concepts of personal physical investigation in explanations. CSI and medical shows are very popular. Ecology is key emphasis in global media. Computer interactive use biological and scientific investigation through clinical laboratory procedures cultivating needed recruitment in this professional field. National Geographic investigations through dissections /necropsies of sharks, showed the brain to be in a "Y" shape to conduct messages with all 6 senses. Sharks can reproduce asexually when a two sexed copulation is not accessible.

Hands on investigations of species are explained through form and function, classifying and organizing orders. Impact of this investigation may justify reclassification of a species or discovery of a new or similar one, which is happening now (i.e. Marlin and billfish species, various marine animal research)

Florida Sunshine State Standards

SC.F: Processes of Life

SC.F.1.3: The student describes patterns of structure and function in living things.

SC.F.1.3.2: The student knows structural basis of most organisms is the cell and most organisms are single cells, while some, including humans, are multicellular.

SC.F.1.3.2.1: knows the structures of cells, function and ways these mirror the structure and function of multicellular organisms.

SC.F.1.3.2.2: understands cells of unicellular organisms are similar to those of multicellular organisms.

SC.F.1.3.3: The student knows that in multicellular organisms cells grow and divide to make more cells in order to form and repair various organs and tissues.

SC.F.1.3.5: The student explains how the life functions of organisms are related to what occurs within the cell.

SC.F.1.3.5.1: understands that the diversity of cell structure permits a diversity of functions for the organism.

SC.F.1.3.6: The student knows that the cells with similar functions have similar structures, whereas those with different structures have different functions.

SC.F.1.3.6.1: knows that the cells with similar functions have similar structures, whereas those with different structures have different functions.

SC.F.1.3.6.2: uses tools to identify and compare cell structures (for example, microscope, hand lenses, bioscopes).

SC.F.2.3: The student understands the process and importance of genetic diversity.

SC.F.2.3.1: The student knows the patterns and advantages of sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and animals.

SC.F.2.3.3: The student knows that generally organisms in a population live long enough to reproduce because they have survival characteristics.

SC.F.2.3.3.1: knows ways organisms are adapted to their environment.

SC.F.2.3.3.2: understands that species have characteristics that enable their populations to cycle within varying periods of time (minutes to hundreds of years).

SC.G: How Living Things Interact with Their Environment

SC.G.2.3.3: The student knows that a brief change in the limited resources of an ecosystem may alter the size of a population or the average size of individual organisms and that long-term change may result in the elimination of animal populations

SC.G.2.3.3.1: understands that changes in the environment cause changes in populations.

SC.G.2.3.4: The student understands that humans are a part of an ecosystem and their activities may deliberately or inadvertently alter the equilibrium in ecosystems.

SC.G.2.3.4.1: extends and refines knowledge of ways that human activities may deliberately or inadvertently alter the equilibrium in the ecosystem.



Course Outline/Overview

This program introduces students to classification by exploring anatomical comparisons of vertebrates with functional relationships of organs and changing environments in which vertebrates have adapted. Role playing as “Young Interning Scientists”, students participate by investigating scientifically oriented questions, with priority to evidence, developing and evaluating forensic analysis. Students work in small cooperative learning groups participating in scientific inquiry activities. They research several species of animals to see understand relationships to each other and their ecological biomes. Through hands on “*Critical Science Investigations*”, young interns become familiar with proper clinical laboratory technique and understand how animals impact each other and are impacted by their habitats, based on evidential findings, interpretation of comparative anatomy, classification, and organization of Animal Kingdom. Cooperative groups examine species and relationships.

Laboratory dissection activities emphasize participation and achievements, developing a sense of relationship between evidence and explanation. Science methodology of organization, order, and classification of the Animal Kingdom species through investigation of form and function of preserved organisms provide examination of evidence through necropsies. Investigation of internal anatomy allows guided inquiry through organ identification and function in physiology. Students create graphic organizers to illustrate species’ systems, to identify purposes and relationships.

Students learn to classify specimens in Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and Species based on form, function, and physical characteristics. Learning through inquiry activities develops skills and proficiency with critical thinking. An “inside view of animals” combines information for evidence and practical technique. Laboratory exercises provide direct observation, analysis, written explanations, and/or

dissections. Activities using multiple intelligences include visual aids through interactive technology, preliminary lessons in classification through songs, poems, and alliteration, hands on examinations of preserved specimens, and discussions of categorization with naturalist descriptions of characteristics. Small learning groups communicate and explain their procedures and evidential findings. Group presentations each represent a Phylum and Class, in sharing evidence of examinations.

Optimizing Learning Students retain (if they focus attention on the lesson at hand):

- 10% of what they read
- 26% of what they hear
- 30% of what they see
- 50% of what they see and hear
- 70% of what they say and
- 90% of what they say and do.

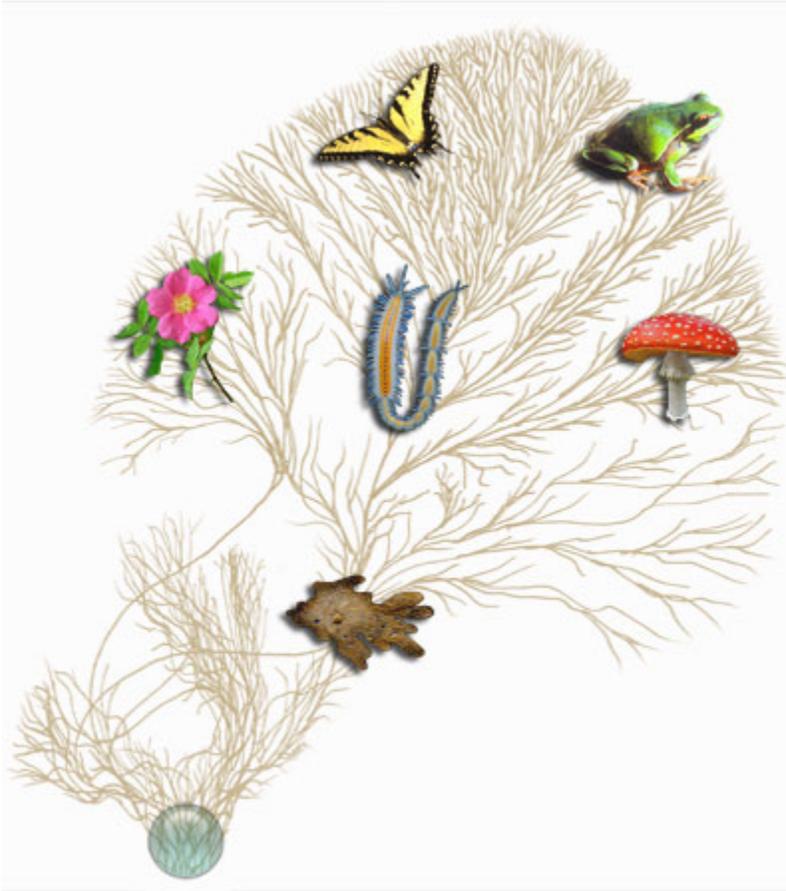
If we want to optimize learning, it helps to learn in a multi-sensory environment.



Anticipated Project Results:

Students learn to reflect on natural phenomena through inquiry (observing, organizing, experiment/ laboratory and communicating). Active learning lessons, through inquiry, encourage integration of students' daily lives and focus on interest of ecology. Preferred computer activities investigate biology through interactive clinical laboratory procedures. The classic comparative anatomy lessons integrate current research, with hands on analysis of species through form and function. Vertebrate groups are organized phylogenetically. Necropsy with hands on inquiry activities of investigation of order, classification, and adaptation of organisms in the animal kingdom. Laboratory projects develop inquiry skills and conceptual understanding.

Lesson 1: Tree of Life



<http://tolweb.org/tree/>

Through video presentations and interactive virtual dissections on computer, classes learned about taxonomy, nomenclature, and the vocabulary that is used in classification. We sang a song with memory techniques.

King Philip Came Over For Good Spaghetti
Kingdom Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species

This strategy is practiced for the duration of the CSI project. This helps classify animals studied and students learn how names relate to form and function. Students learn the correlation between Latin, Spanish, and definition. Students learn about anatomy and how animals propagate their species.

Lesson 2: Taxonomy

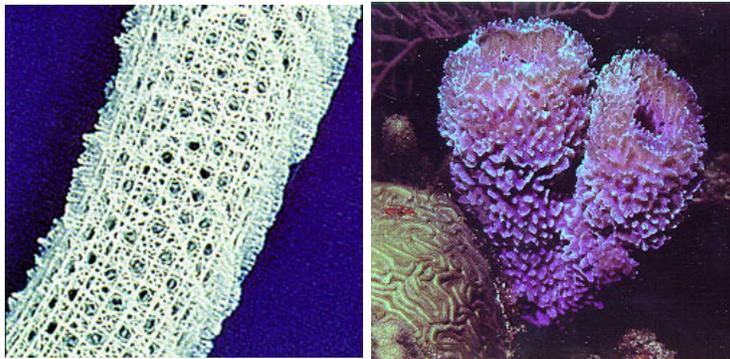
Animal Diversity: Form and Function

Ways to organize animal diversity

What is a tissue? A tissue is a group of cells working together for a particular function.

Animal Diversity - The Kingdom Animalia

Phylum Porifera - sponges

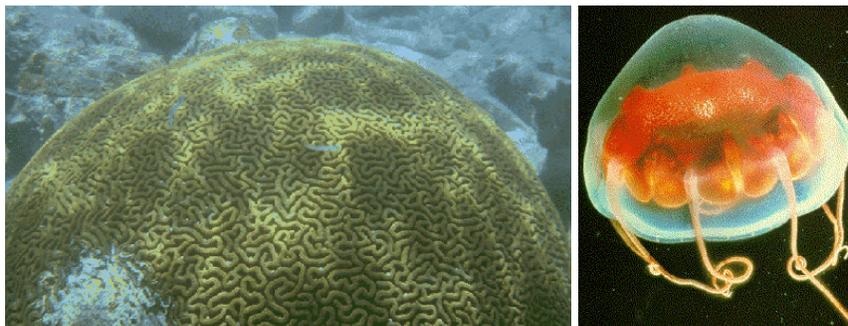


Sponges are animals with no tissues and no symmetry

There are different cell types in a sponge, each cell with different functions, but they are not a tightly integrated system like in other animals

Phylum Cnidaria

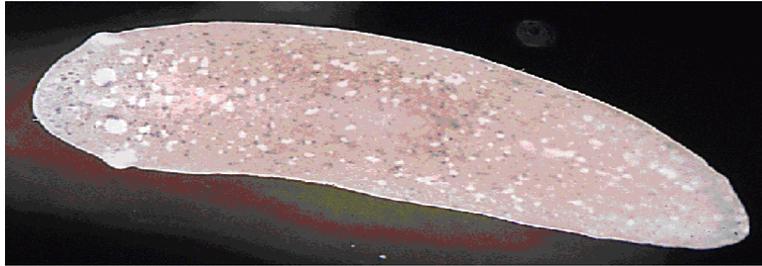
Examples: corals, jellyfish, hydra



Brain coral

Jellyfish

Phylum Platyhelminthes - the flatworms



Examples: planarians, flukes, tapeworms

- usually internal parasites or free living organisms
- incomplete digestive tract

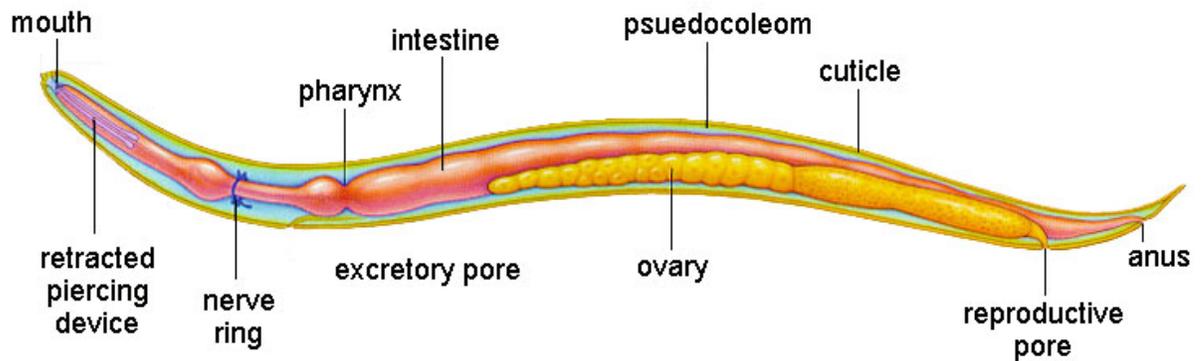
Flatworms are structurally limited by not having a fluid-filled cavity

Phylum Nematoda - the roundworms

Nematode

- usually internal parasites
- complete digestive tract (possess both mouth and anus)
- separate sexes

Possess lateral muscles - can only move side to side (cannot manipulate coelomic fluid)



Nematode anatomy

Phylum Molluska - mollusks

Examples: snails, clams, octopus

- Mantle tissue - secretes shell
- Radula (chitinous tongue - used like a rasp)
- Advanced sensor organs & nervous tissue

Three main classes (there are more, but we will only look at these three):



Class Gastropoda - snails & slugs

- Usually have a coiled shell
- Extremely diverse
- Slugs = terrestrial gastropod which has lost shell

Class Cephalopoda –

Examples: octopus, squid, Nautilus

- Loss of shell (in all but *Nautilus*)
- Most advanced nervous system and sensory organs of any invertebrate



Octopus vulgaris



Nautilus sp.



Class Bivalva - clams, oysters

- Two shells which can open and close
- Aquatic

Phylum Annelida - segmented worms

Examples: earthworms, leeches, polychetes



polychete worm

- Ventral nerve cord
- Two types of muscles - longitudinal & circular support

Full utilization of coelom in movement

Phylum Arthropoda - arthropods

Examples: scorpions, spiders, insects

- Hardened chitinous exoskeleton
- Specialized segmentation
- Jointed appendages
- Specialized respiratory organs (fully terrestrial)
- Division of labor in life cycle
- usually used for delivering venom or other toxins to prey

Examples: scorpions, spiders, horseshoe crabs, ticks



Tarantula sp.



Scorpion

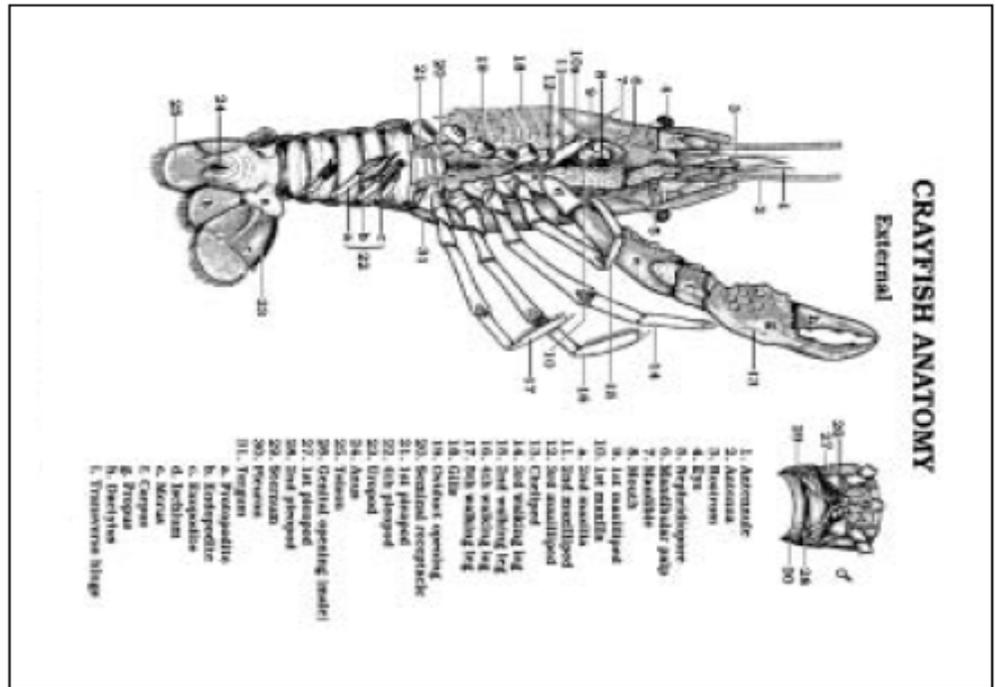
Examples: millipedes, centipedes, lobsters, insects

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Class Crustacea - aquatic, all have gills

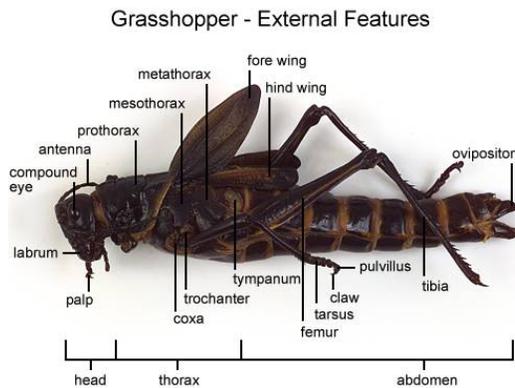
- o aquatic
- o all have gills (even terrestrial ones like the roly-polly)

Figure 2 Crayfish External Anatomy Bioreview® Sheet (teacher version) from Carolina's Bioreview® Classroom CD-ROM (CT-39-7082).



- o *Examples: crabs, lobster, barnacles, pillbugs, hermit crab, shrimp*

Class Insecta - most diverse group on the earth



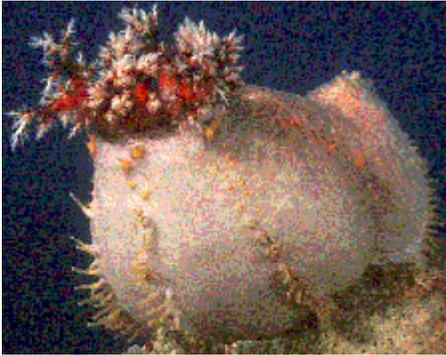
Examples: ants, bees, butterflies, silverfish, roaches

- o Body parts in three segments
- o Most have wings & advanced sensory organs
- o Advanced communication, social structure

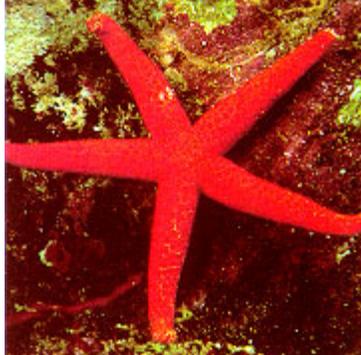
The Deuterostomes

Phylum Echinodermata

Examples: sea urchins, starfish, sea cucumbers



sea cucumber



starfish



sea urchin

- Water vascular system - system unique to this phylum
 - Functions in movement, support, respiration, digestion
- Decentralized nervous system
- Rapid regeneration
- Secondary radial symmetry
 - Larvae are bilaterally symmetrical
 - Adults are radially symmetrical

Phylum Chordata

Examples: Sea squirts, lancelets, vertebrates

Subphylum Urochordata - the sea squirts

- Larval stage possesses all of the chordate characteristics
- Most of these characteristics are lost when the larvae undergo metamorphosis and emerge as adults
- Adult stage are primarily sessile filter-feeders

Subphylum Vertebrata BONE - reduction of notochord (vertebral disks)

Class Agnatha - the jawless fish (not monophyletic)

Examples: lamprey, hagfish

- No jaws
- Most are parasitic fish
- Very diverse group in past. Now, only a few species are still hanging on

Class Chondrichthyes - the cartilaginous fish



shark



stingray

Examples: sharks, rays, skates

- Endoskeleton is composed entirely of cartilage
- Heterocercal caudal fin
- Two-chambered heart
- Numerous rows of teeth
- Internal fertilization and separate sexes

Class Osteichthyes - bony fish (not monophyletic)

Examples: marlin, bass, catfish, angelfish, eels

- Most diverse group of vertebrates
- Paired fins with fin rays of cartilage or bone.
- Respiration by gills supported by bony gill arches
- Swim bladder often present.
- Two-chambered heart.
- Sexes separate and fertilization is usually external.
 - *Ray-finned fish* - most fish possess this fin structure

Class Amphibia - amphibians (not monophyletic)



Examples: frogs, salamanders

- Living skin - must be moist to breathe
- Lay eggs in water
- Out competed in water (fish) and land (reptiles)

Class Reptilia - reptiles (not monophyletic)



Examples: lizards, snakes, gators

- First truly terrestrial animals
- Amniotic egg
- Scales (lungs now sole respiratory organ)

Modifications of pectoral and pelvic girdles to facilitate movement on land

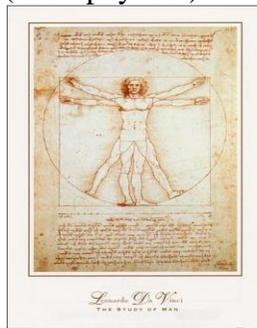
Class Aves - birds (monophyletic)



Examples: robin, jays, emus

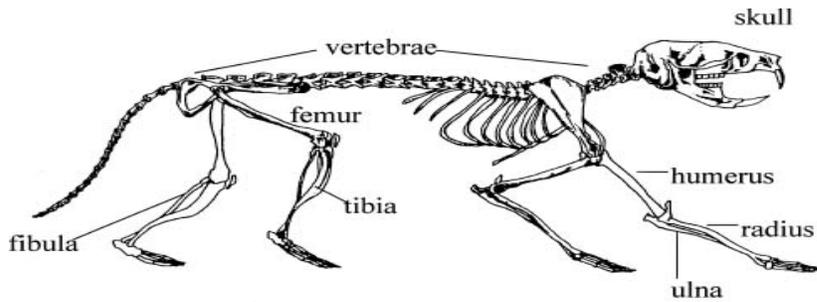
- Feathers
- warm-blooded (high metabolic rate)
- hollow bones

Class Mammalia - mammals (monophyletic) *Examples: elephant, bat, human, horses*



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Lesson 3: Owl Pellets



Dissect your owl pellet to research mammal anatomy. Most of the bones that you see will be rodent bones. Use 2 paper plates, a teasing needle or a toothpick, and owl pellet.

Procedure: Carefully pull the pellet apart with your hands. Separate the bones from the fur with the teasing needle. Set the bones on one plate and fur on the other plate. Femur, humerus, scapula, ribs, vertebrae, and all bones recovered are to be placed in position. Use the diagram of the rodent and bird skeleton to identify the bones. Look carefully for the tibia, fibula, etc. Sketch each type of bone found and label it. Tally the number of each bone that you have. Create a [bar graph](#) representing the number of each bone found in the owl pellet. Print graph.

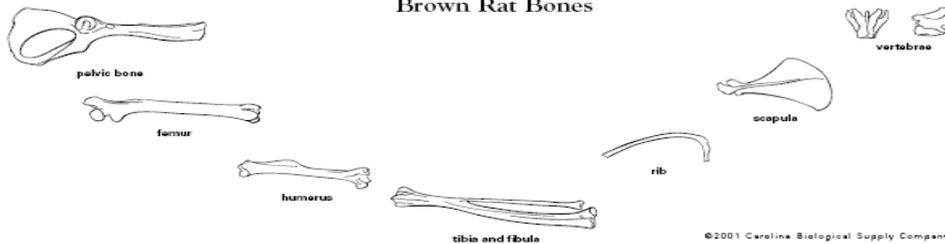
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Barn Owl Pellet Interactive Study- Students can interact with our Barn Owl online database to see how the contents of their pellets compare with those of other Barn Owl pellets from all over the United States. After students examined pellets, they can enter the information, **one pellet at a time**, into the form at website, www.carolina.com.

Bone Chart



Brown Rat Bones



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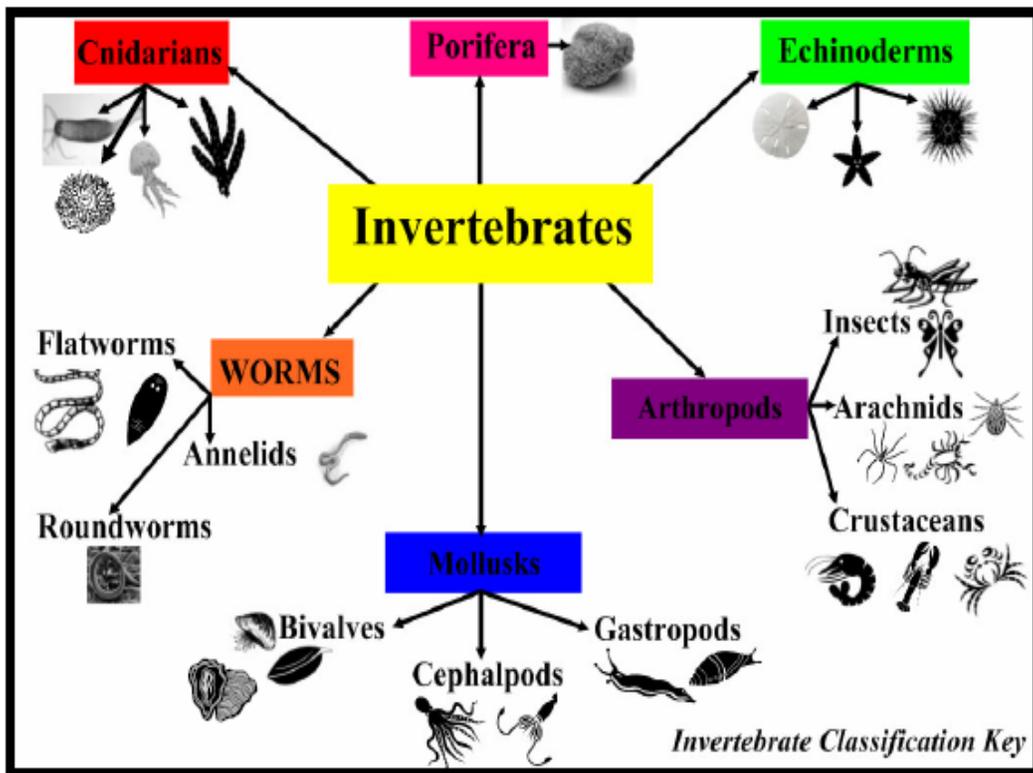
Lesson 4: Invertebrates

Invertebrate Classification Challenge

This activity allows students to practice invertebrate classification using the organisms discussed in textbook from Prentice Hall called the *Parade of Life: Animals*.

Classification mats are printed on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper and laminated, printed on card stock and stored in Ziploc bags. Students work in teams to classify the organisms and then compare their answers to the key shown below.

“What am I?” worksheet, students will fill in and staple their note packet so they can study outside of class. A quiz (just for practice) will determine which ones they know. Challenge: Students time their efforts to see which team can complete it in the fastest time.





What am I?



Classify each of the following organisms by writing their names in the correct location.

- Anemone
- Butterfly
- Clam
- Coral
- Crab
- Earthworm
- Grasshopper
- Hydra
- Jellyfish

- Lobster
- Mussel
- Nematode
- Octopus
- Oyster
- Planarian
- Sand dollar
- Scorpion
- Sea Urchin

- Shrimp
- Slug
- Snail
- Spider
- Sponges
- Squid
- Starfish
- Tapeworm
- Tick

Porifera

Cnidarian

Flatworm

Roundworm

Annelid

Gastropod

Bivalve

Cephalopod

Crustacean

Arachnid

Insect

Echinoderm



Lesson 5: Investigation - Meeting an Earthworm

All of the Worm Watch investigations require you to use your sense of sight and touch to gather information about earthworms. We want you to observe the size, color, clitellum's patterns and behavior of earthworms. At the same time you should be observing the habitats where you find earthworms and comparing them with habitats where there appear to be no earthworms.

Earthworms are segmented with more or less cylindrical bodies. The body is divided into similar parts or segments arranged one beside the other symmetrically along the length of the body. Click on each term on the diagram to learn more about that term or region of the earthworm. In this activity, you will identify the following parts of an earthworm: prostomium, peristomium, body segment, genital tumescence, clitellum, tubercula pubertatis, setae, periproct, You will also become familiar with the following scientific terms: anterior, posterior, dorsal, and ventral.

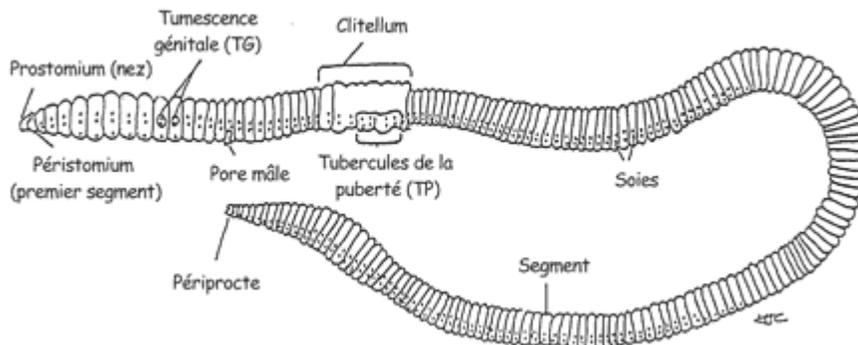


Figure 1 The general anatomy of an earthworm.

What You Will Need

- an adult earthworm (visible clitellum)
- [Earthworm Anatomy](#) section of this web site
- [Key to Reproductively Mature Earthworms Found in Canada](#)
- water to keep the earthworm wet
- two wet paper towels
- hand-lens (optional)

Caution: Handle your earthworms with care and treat them with respect.

Caution: Earthworms do not like light and should be covered with a wet paper towel as much as possible.

What To Do

1. Make a data chart in your science notebook similar to the one shown below. Use this chart to record your observation of the general appearance and external anatomy of an earthworm.

Feature	Observations
Body color	
Length of worm (cm)	
Number of segments from the anterior end of worm to the clitellum	
Tail region	
Color of clitellum	
Other observations about your earthworm	

2. Carefully place the earthworm on one of the wet paper towels. Cover the worm with the second paper towel.

CAUTION: Remember to keep the paper towels wet with cool water throughout this activity.

3. Complete this chart by:
 - a. describing the exact color of your earthworm
 - b. measuring the length of your worm. To determine the length of your earthworm, allow the worm to freely extend itself as though it was crawling. Use the back page of the Key to Reproductively Mature Earthworms Found in Canada to measure the maximum distance the earthworm covers when completely stretched out.
 - c. counting the number of individual segments from the anterior (head) end of the worm to the clitellum
 - d. describing the tail region of your worm
 - e. describing the color of the clitellum
 - f. recording other observations about your earthworm

4. Make a second data chart with the following headings:

Name Of Part	Description and Sketch of the Part	Location of Part	Function of Part
peristomium	 Peristomium- 1 st body segment.	Anterior end of the worm on its dorsal surface	Peristomium contains the mouth.
Prostomium			
genital tumescence (GT)			
Clitellum			
tubercula pubertatis (TP)			
Setae			
Segment			
periproct			

5. Complete this chart by referring to the diagram, the Earthworm Anatomy section of the Worm Watch web site, and the living worm. The first one has been done for you.
- Locate each part of the worm.
 - Describe the location using terms such as anterior, posterior, dorsal, and ventral.
 - Use the Earthworm Anatomy handout to help you summarize the function of each part of the earthworm.

6. Return your worm to its container or its natural habitat when you are finished.

CAUTION: Do not put "store-bought" worms into your garden. It is important not to introduce new earthworm species into soil. As a challenge activity write-down all the exotic insects, plants, fish, birds and animals that have been introduced to your area and describe how they have affected the landscape, other species, and human activities.

7. Wash your hands with warm water and soap as soon as you have completed the investigation.

Key Terms - prostomium, peristomium, body segment, genital tumescences (GT), clitellum, tubercula pubertatis (TP), setae, periproct , anterior, posterior, dorsal, and ventral

What Did You Discover

1. Why is it important to observe and describe the details of an earthworm?
2. What part of the earthworm is only found on adult worms?
3. Make a scientific drawing of your earthworm. Pay particular attention to the:
 - color of the earthworm
 - number of segments between the anterior end of the worm and clitellum
 - length of the specimen
 - genital tumescences (GT) - make sure to draw the exact pattern of the GT on your earthworm
 - clitellum- pay careful attention to the size, shape, and color of clitellum
 - tubercula pubertatis (TP)- make sure to draw the exact shape of the TP and their location on the clitellum setae

Welcome to the School Programs Area. The following resources are available:

Student Investigations:

- [Introduction to Earthworm Science](#)
- [Investigation 1 - Meeting an Earthworm](#)
- [Investigation 2 - Identifying an Earthworm](#)
- [Investigation 3 - National Earthworm Survey](#)

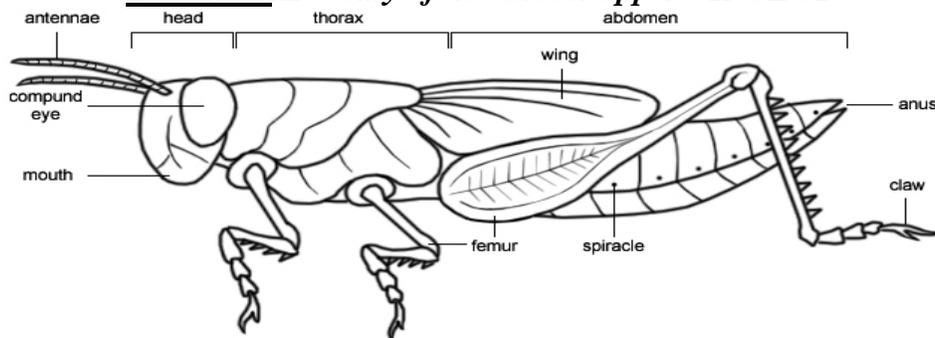
Lesson Plans for Teachers:

- [Lesson Plan 1- Meeting an Earthworm](#)
- [Lesson Plan 2 - Identifying an Earthworm](#)
- [Lesson Plan 3 - National Earthworm Survey](#)

If you are looking for more activities and information, check out the Discover Soil Activities area and the Resources area.

<http://www.naturewatch.ca/english/wormwatch/index.html>

Lesson 6: Anatomy of the Grasshopper - INSECT



Overview: By identifying the internal anatomy of the grasshopper, students will begin to discover that organisms have organs that function similar to those of humans. Students will gain knowledge by opening up the grasshopper and internal anatomy.

Purpose: The students will be able to understand that the grasshopper has many important internal organs, and begin to explore their functions, through observation.

Materials:

Grasshoppers - 1 per group

Forceps Scissors Dissecting Tray

Dissecting Microscopes (if available, if not will find enough for activity)

Picture of internal anatomy - 1 per group

Motivate: Teacher will begin asking students questions about the grasshopper, getting them involved.

Activity: The students seated in lab groups at a microscope, are given a grasshopper and appropriate materials to work with. Explain to the students that they will be opening up the grasshopper, but in such a way that they can explore as much area as possible. This is to be an exploratory lesson. It is important for them to understand that the grasshopper has important organs, and they have important functions. The students can research all major functions of the internal anatomy. Write a report for the classroom library. A chart made compares insect organs to human organs, based on the physiological processes,

Safety Tips: Be cautious when using dissecting materials. Wash hands after working with grasshoppers.

Closure: After all of the students have been given adequate time to explore, labeling their sheet, the class will be pulled back together as one to discuss things the class found interesting throughout the observation, then state the importance in their own words.

Assessment: Assessment for this activity will be informal. The teacher will walk around the room while the students are working, listening for understanding. The goal is for all of the students to participate and explore during this activity.

<http://iitc.tamu.edu/lessons/lesson23.html>

Lesson 7: Learn to use your Microscope



Grade level(s): K-8

Subject: Life sciences

Topic: Using a microscope in the classroom

Estimated class time: 60 minutes

Objective: To help students improve their skills in making slides and using a microscope.

Materials

Qty Product description

1 *Fun with Your Microscope* (Book)

1 Student Pack Glass Microscope Slides

1 Glass Cover slips

Getting to Know Your Microscope Set

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Review the fundamental parts of a microscope and basic microscope operation. Review slide making techniques by preparing slides for students to view and use as examples of proper technique.

Lesson outline

1. **Question and review**

- a. Ask students to identify the fundamental parts of a microscope.
- b. Explain how the compound microscope differs from the dissecting microscope
- c. Ask students how much they already know about microscope operation and slide preparation.

2. **Introduce background information**
 - a. Explain proper microscope care and operation.
 - b. Explain why compound microscopes and dissecting microscopes are used for different purposes.
 - c. Explain the special techniques used to prepare specimens and create slides for microscopic study.
 - d. Explain pertinent lab safety issues for slide preparation and microscopy.
3. **Guided practice**
 - a. Guide students through hands-on preparation of different types of microscope slides.
 - b. Guide students as they view the slides they have prepared. Have them record their observations in writing and sketches.
4. **Independent practice/homework**

Have students collect specimens at home, such as dust samples (from different areas of their houses), hair samples, or fingerprints, and bring them to school for study.
5. **Wrap-up**

Ask your students what they learned and how the different techniques can have practical applications, e.g., in forensics or medical research.

Assessment Students will:

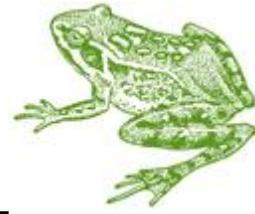
- Write about and sketch what they observed. (Note: If some students had difficulty viewing their specimens, ask them to explain what they think went wrong and how they can correct it the next time.)
- Describe procedures for preparing samples of other items they may wish to view under the microscope.

Cooperative learning ideas

- Have students compare and contrast their findings with those of their classmates.
- Have students work together to explain their findings and how they can improve their technique.

Cross-curriculum ideas

- Math: Young students count the number of specimens viewed on a slide, calculate magnification power, and learn about the metric system (e.g., the millimeter and micron). Older students can use the microscope's mechanical stage to estimate the area of the viewing field at different magnifications and estimate the size of organisms viewed.
- Language: Students write a paragraph describing what they observed with the microscope.
- Art: Students sketch what they observed with the microscope.



Lesson 8: Leap Frog Into Understanding

Frogs are excellent organisms for studies involving animal development, physiology, anatomy, and behavior. They are commonly studied in biology classes as representative vertebrates, but they also exhibit some specialized amphibian features. Introduce your students to the frog's external anatomy using the dissection guide below and explore several interesting structures and their functions.

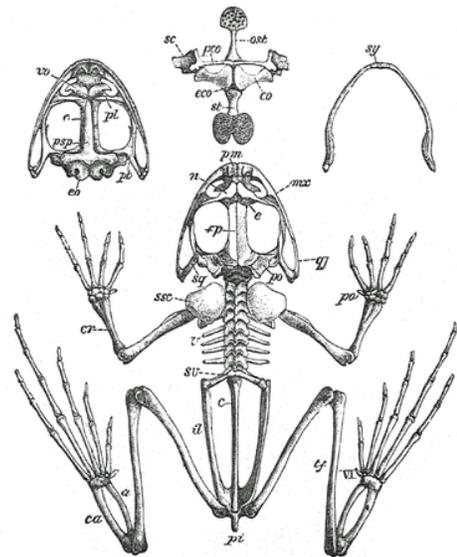
Frog dissection guide

1. Examine the frog's external features. This vertebrate animal represents a transition from an aquatic lifestyle to a terrestrial one. Notice the appendages developed for a terrestrial life. The frog is a tetra pod, meaning that it possesses 4 limbs for locomotion. Observe that each forelimb is divided into an upper arm, forearm, and hand. Each hind limb is divided into a thigh, lower leg, and foot.
2. Study the head's external features. Find the 2 nostrils at the head's tip. They are used for respiration. Posterior to the eyes are tympani, the frog's external sound receptors.
3. Study the eyes. The frog has immovable eyelids, but the eyes may be covered with a nictitating membrane that moistens and protects them.
4. Locate the cloacae at the specimen's posterior end. The cloacal opening, or anus, is the single exit from the urinary, reproductive, and digestive systems.
5. Place the frog on its dorsal side and pin its legs down. Cut through the jaw joints at the mouth's sides and open the mouth wide.
6. Identify the glottis and the opening to the esophagus. The esophagus leads to the stomach. The glottis leads to the lungs.
7. There are 2 sets of teeth, an outer layer of maxillary teeth and the vomerine teeth, which are found behind the mid-region of the upper jaw.
8. Two openings can be seen on the lateral sides of the mouth's roof. These are openings to the Eustachian tubes, leading to the tympani. These tubes help equalize pressure.

Students are allowed to perform virtual dissections on computer if so desired. The kit includes 15 double-injected *Carolina's Perfect Solution*® frogs, 15 disposable dissecting trays, 15 self-locking storage bags, and a detailed teacher's manual including Carolina™ Bioreview® Sheets and blackline masters for reproducible student guides. Reprinted from Carolina Supply Company

Additional resources

- [Carolina's Perfect Solution® Frogs](#)
- [Frog Dissection BioKit®](#)
- [Carolina™ BioLab®: Frog](#)
- [Carolina™ Anatomy of the Frog \(video or DVD\)](#)
- [Young Scientist's Frog Dissection Kit](#)



Skeleton of *Rana esculenta*. (Guide to Reptile Gallery B.M.)

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| a. Astragalus. | n. Nasal. | sc. Scapula. |
| c. Coccyx. | ost. Onosternum. | sq. Squamosal. |
| ca. Calcaneum. | pec. Preocracoid. | ssc. Suprascapula. |
| co. Coracoid. | pl. Palatine. | st. Sternum. |
| cr. Radius-ulna. | pi. Pubis-ischium. | sv. Sacral vertebra. |
| e. Ethmoid. | pm. Premaxillary. | sy. Symphyseal. |
| ecco. Epicoracoid. | po. Prootic. | t. Tibia-fibula. |
| eo. Exoccipital. | pol. Pollex. | v. Dorsal vertebra. |
| fp. Frontoparietal. | psp. Parasphenoid. | vo. Vomer. |
| il. Ilium. | pt. Pterygoid. | VI. Rudiment of sixth toe. |
| mz. Maxillary. | qj. Quadratojugal. | |

Resource List including:

Supplemental materials (suppliers)

Carolina Supplies

Ward Science Company

Parade of Life: Animals. Prentice Hall

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