



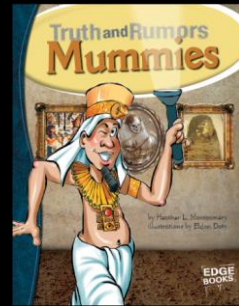
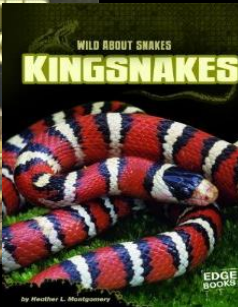
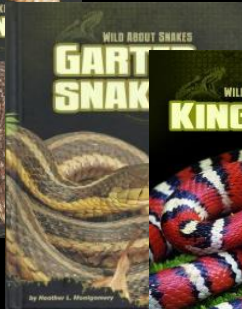
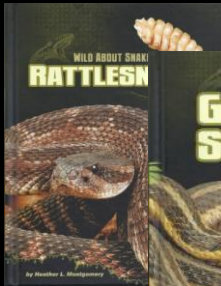
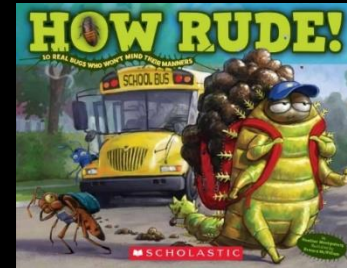
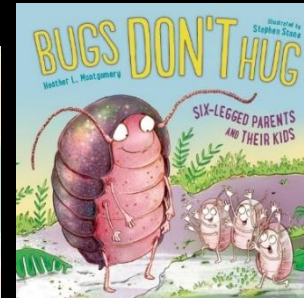
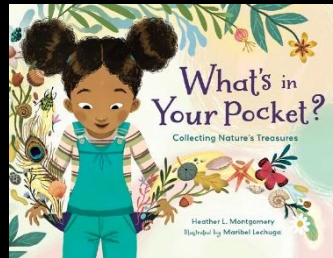
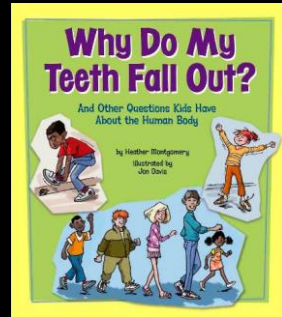
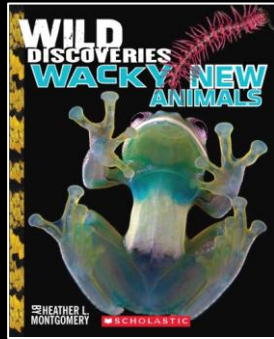
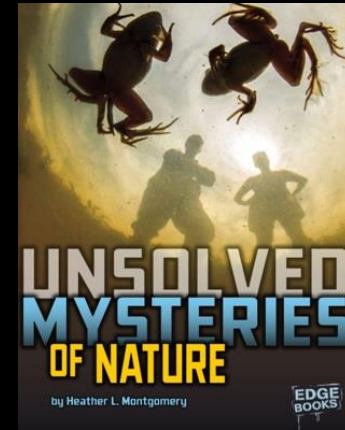
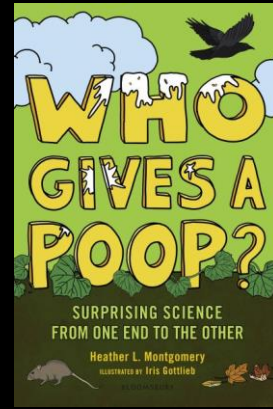
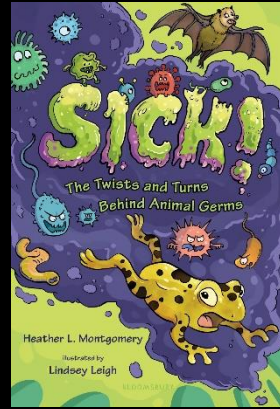
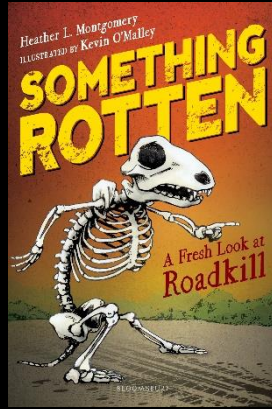
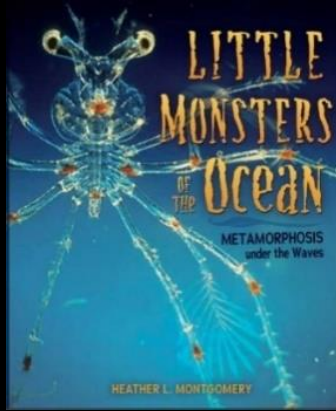
# Writing and Creative PLAY!



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# My Books and Mags



# When we “work” on a project

bombs that are sticky globs of lava, the size of footballs and larger, that are blasted out during an eruption and streak across the sky. While still in mid-air, they partially cool into a rounded shape.

Pyroclastics are very important because they pile up to create rich and fertile soil for growing crops. But, in the short term, they cause real problems. During the 1991 eruption in the Philippines, the volcano put out bombs that settled over the surrounding countryside. The 50,000-acre (20,235-hectare) Clark Air Base was built from the Philippine



Ash from Mount Pinatubo piles in the streets

volcano's ash fall all but buried the base, collapsing many buildings under its weight. Because of the massive expense of cleanup and rebuilding required to reopen the base, as well as the political scene in the Philippines, the United States turned control of the land to the Philippine

Clark Air Base wasn't all that Pinatubo did. It also piled up large quantities of pyroclastics into the sky that hung there for many months. There were also reports that Space Shuttle astronaut crews complained about the poor views they were getting from orbit.

Mount Pinatubo's eruption was one of the largest eruptions known in history and similar eruptions have been found in the prehistoric record. In 1815, the volcanic mountain of Mount Tambora in the Indonesian island chain self-destructed in a massive eruption. One-third of the mountain was gone and thousands of people perished in the eruption or died from the devastation it created in Indonesia. The damage was not restricted to Indonesia. The eruption sent a large amount of ash into the atmosphere that is believed to have cooled the climate for a year. The dust reflected some of the sun's warmth and dropped Earth's surface temperature. The next year was referred to as the "year without a summer." People in New England had to wear warm clothing in the summer and early frosts in August hurt crop production. Crop loss was especially damaging in the Northeast because food was in short supply because of the



Don't Do  
BORING!!!



# Tree Guts

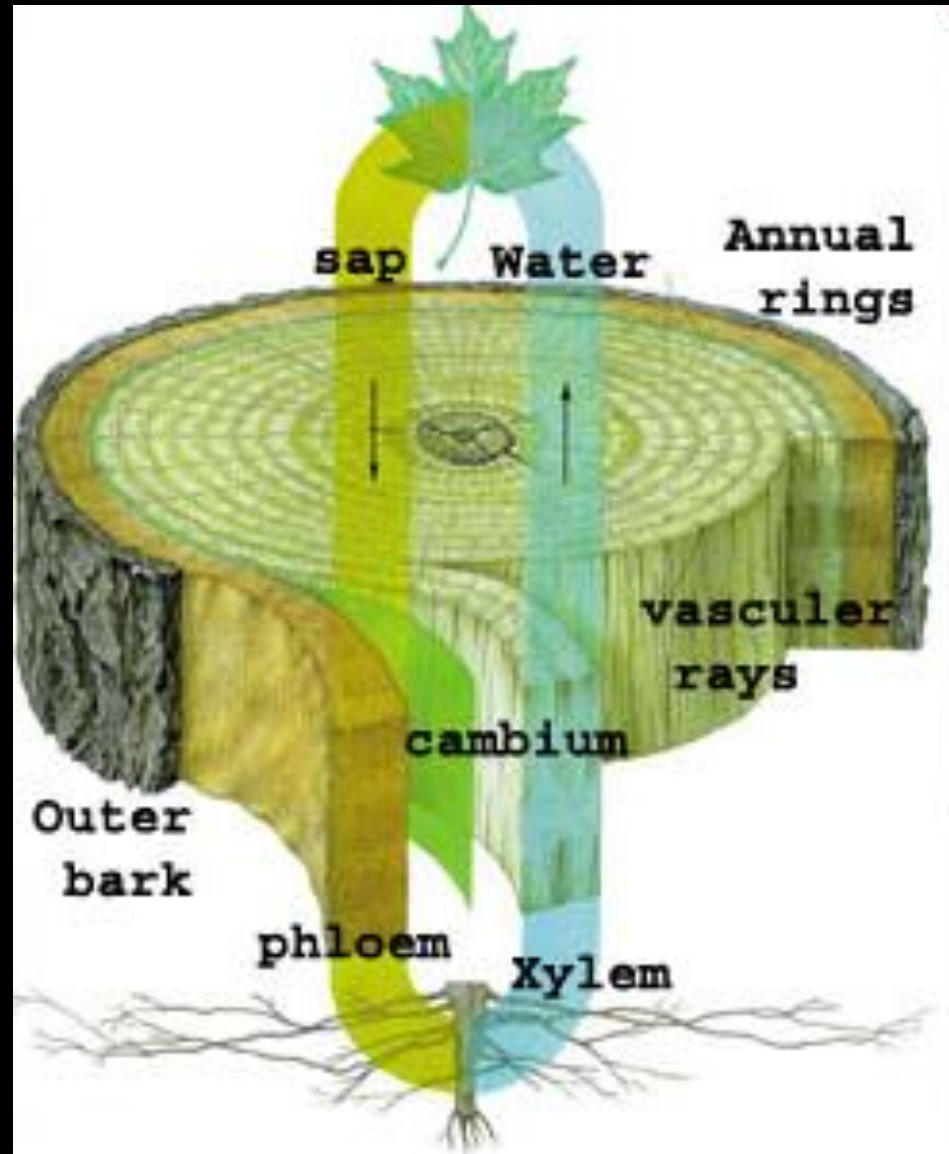
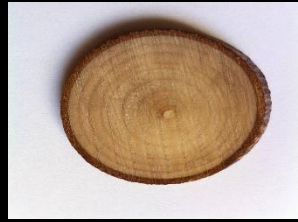


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But, why are “tree guts” more interesting?



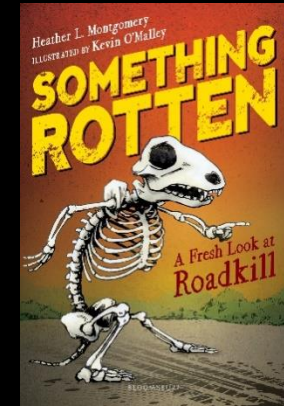
# Cognitive Dissonance

= Mental discomfort caused by holding two contradictory ideas

**aka messing with  
your mind**

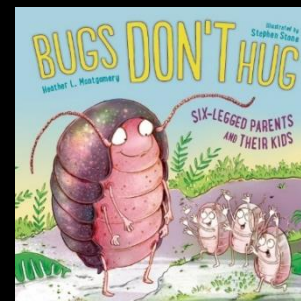
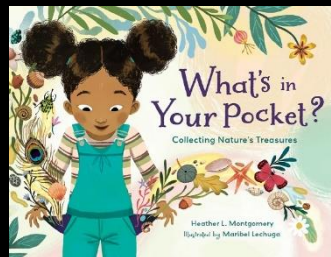
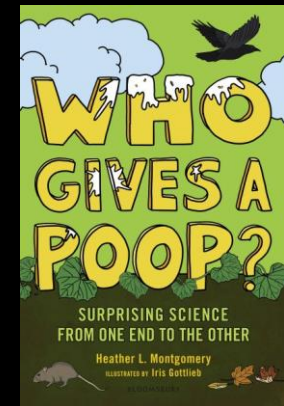
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# CURIOSITY!!!



To spark that curiosity we can use an element of surprise.

- Unexpected DETAIL
- Surprising VOICE
- Unique ANALOGY
- PERSONAL connection

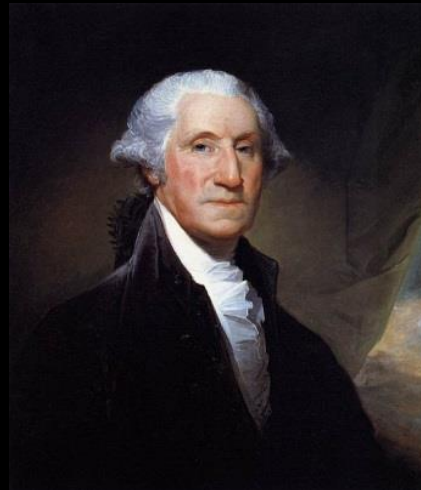


# PLAY!!!



# Play with the Details

1. Compare your subject/object with something very different
2. List similarities and then differences.
3. Compare your subject/object with something very similar.
4. List similarities and then differences.

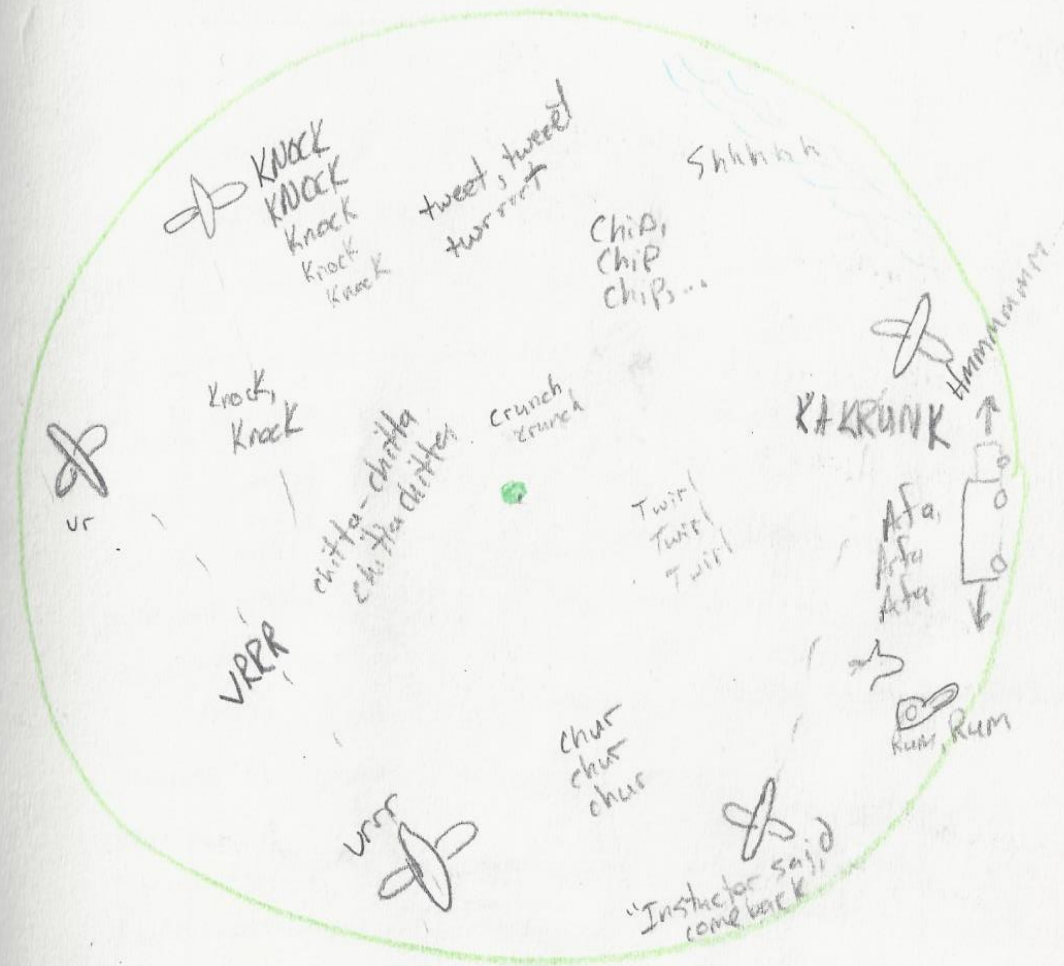


Play with the SENSES

# Map the Sounds

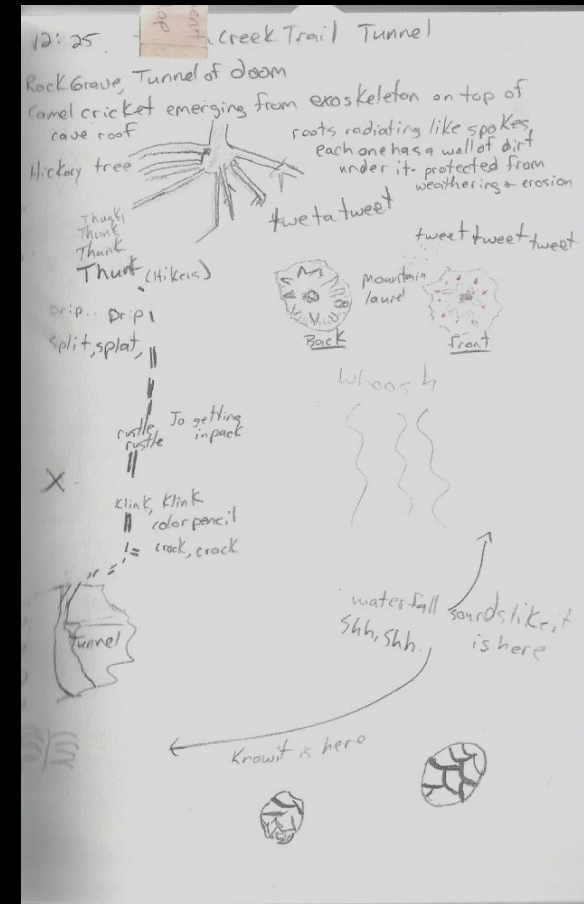
Boyd's Mill, Over cast 9:AM  
Chilly, Sitting on rock

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# How else could you Stretch your SENSES?

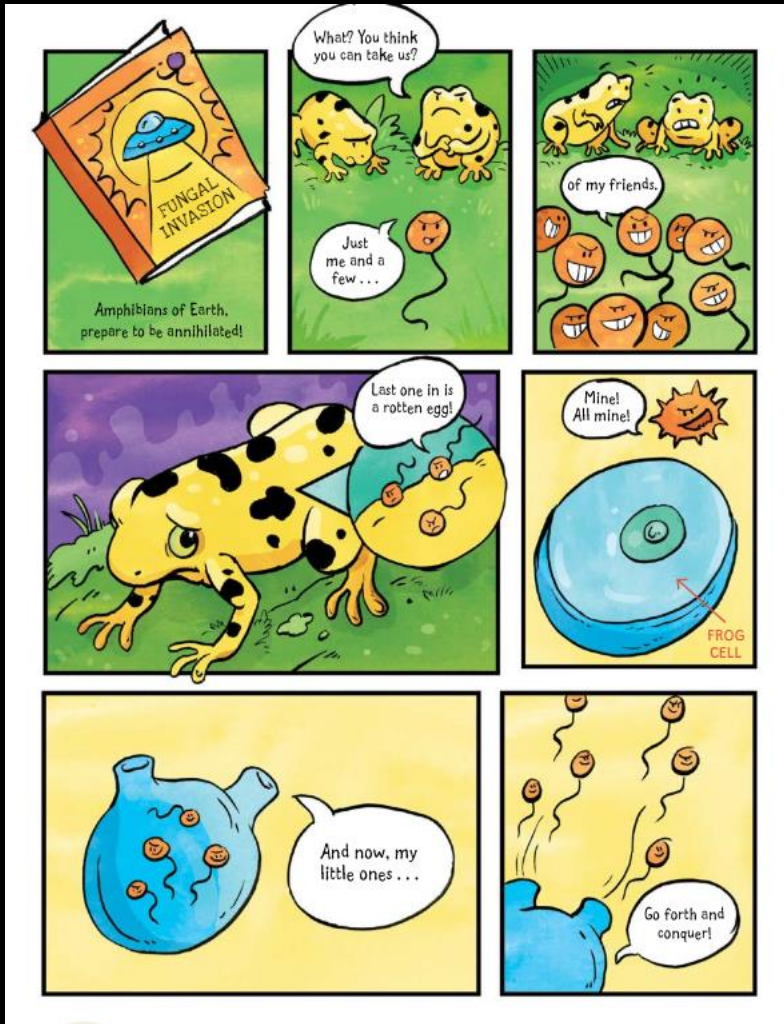
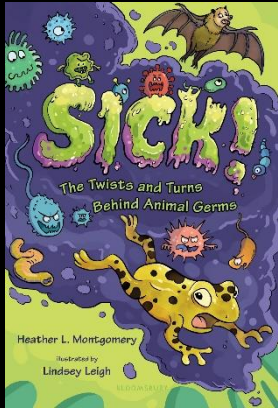
- Take a smell stroll
- Texture scavenger hunt
- Odor Matching
- Build a Color/Taste/Odor/Shape Spectrum



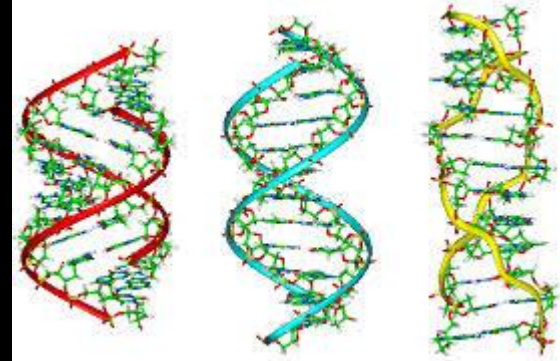
Play with VOICE

# Play with it!

- Write one sentence about your item.
- Change the point of view of the sentence.
- Write the sentence as a very boring teacher would say it.
- What would a cartoon character say?
- Pick one of your characters/family members. What would they say about it?
- Write it with alliteration (repetition of first consonant) or assonance (repetition of vowel sounds).
- Add onomatopoeia (words created from sounds).
- Write with poetic or lyrical language.
- Pick a different character/family member.
- Choose your favorite and revise.



# DNA



- Collect many pictures of your subject. Write a sentence to go with each. The sentence should express the mood of the photo. Which voice best suits your purpose/theme?
- GET WILD! Exaggerate! Hyperbole! Take it over the top!
- Write it **WRONG, WRONG, WRONG!**



Playing with Analogy

# Analogies + Personal Connections

What does it look like?

What else?

What does it remind me of?

What else?



# BUGS DON'T HUG

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SIX-LEGGED PARENTS  
AND THEIR KIDS



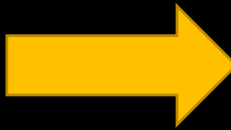
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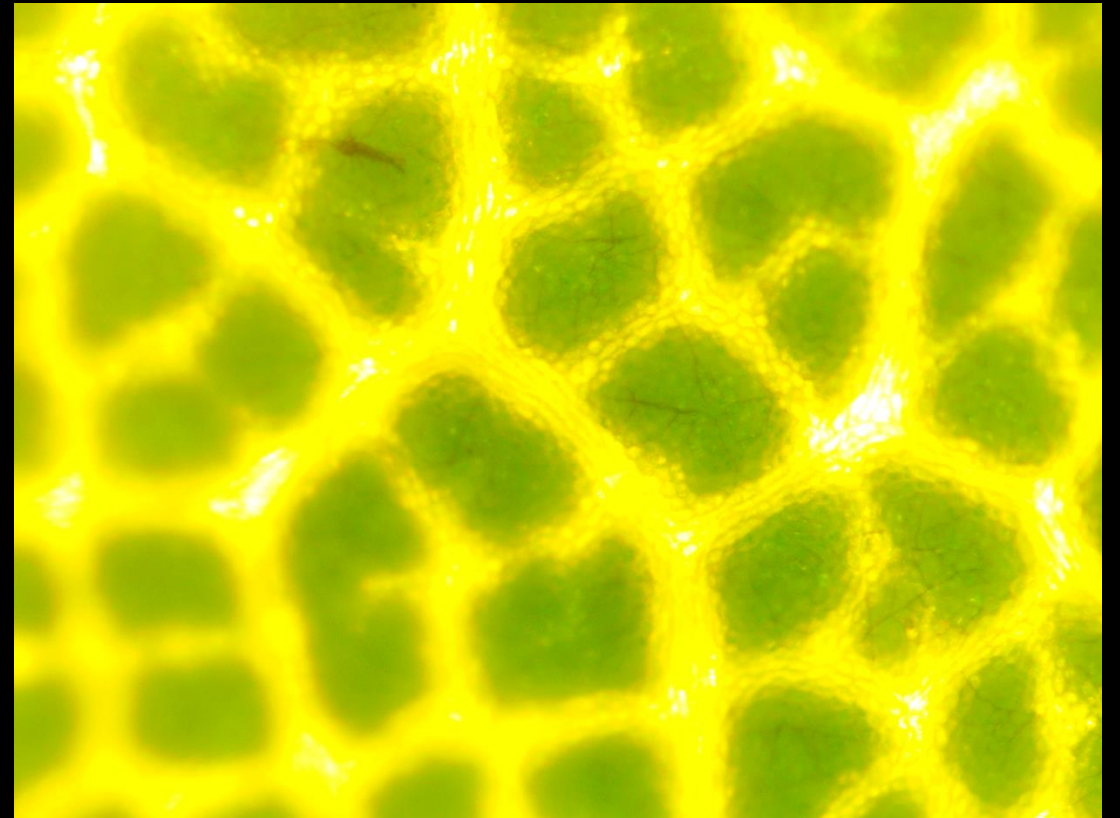
A jelly-like mass oozes out of a bulge in the intestine. It's the pink of the heavens at sunset. Digested flesh? It sticks to my gloves like wet lips. Mucus? Between my fingers—squish. Something gritty in the center. Fish parts? The smell of fish, but under loupe, bits of shell remind me of frozen waves, sculpted crinkles, armor finer than that of a samurai. There's frozen foam and hairs like spines. A serrated blade. A forest of pricklers. Then, off by itself sits an exquisite arch. A crayfish antenna!

Why have I never marveled at the intricacies of a crayfish before?

# Now, into the mind of your character

To Nymph it looks like:

- A jail
- They eye of a dragon
- Color reminds him of the skin of his enemy: gecko
- The place he was born
- ...





# Your Turn!

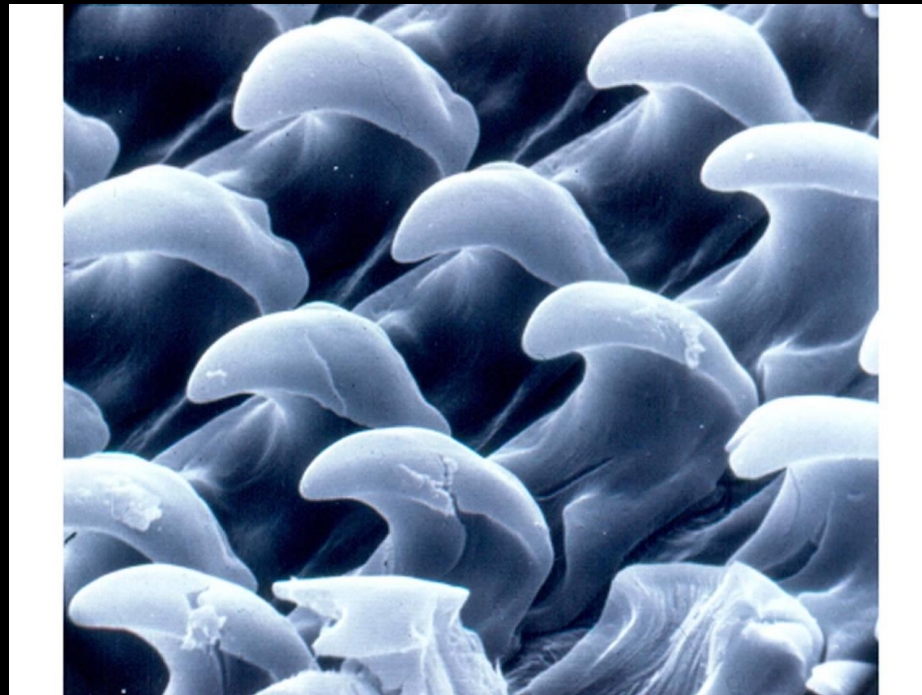
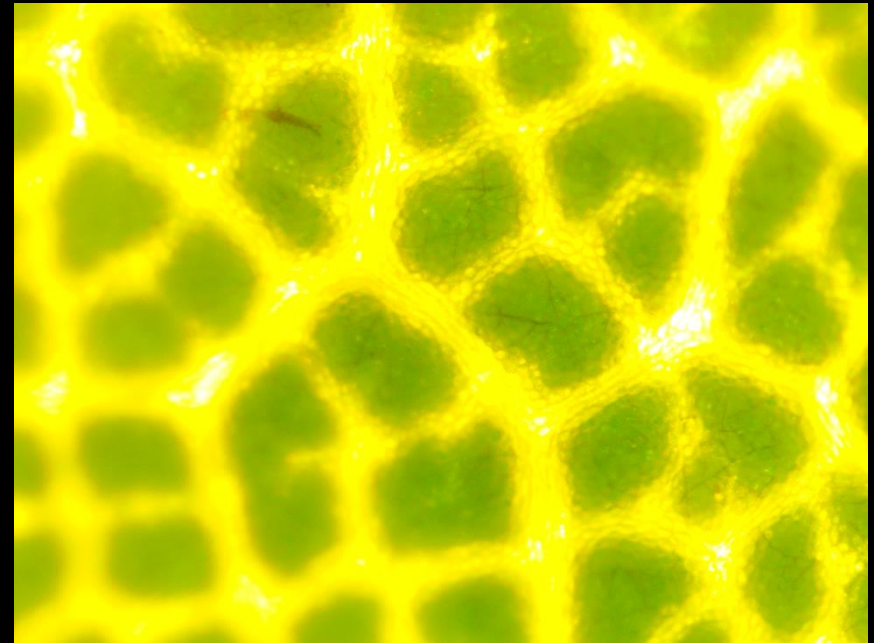
What does it look like? What does it remind you of?

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# Uncover the Deeper Layers



# Your Choice

- Using your analogy list, pick out 10 words or phrases and rearrange into a poem (can be as simple as a list).
- Create analogies from a different character's POV
- Trace an object and map the textures/shapes/colors by adding words in the appropriate spot
- Take a smell stroll
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- Build a Color/Taste/Odor/Shape Spectrum
- Sketch something you have never seen before
- Build something with the natural artifacts



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# Shake it UP!

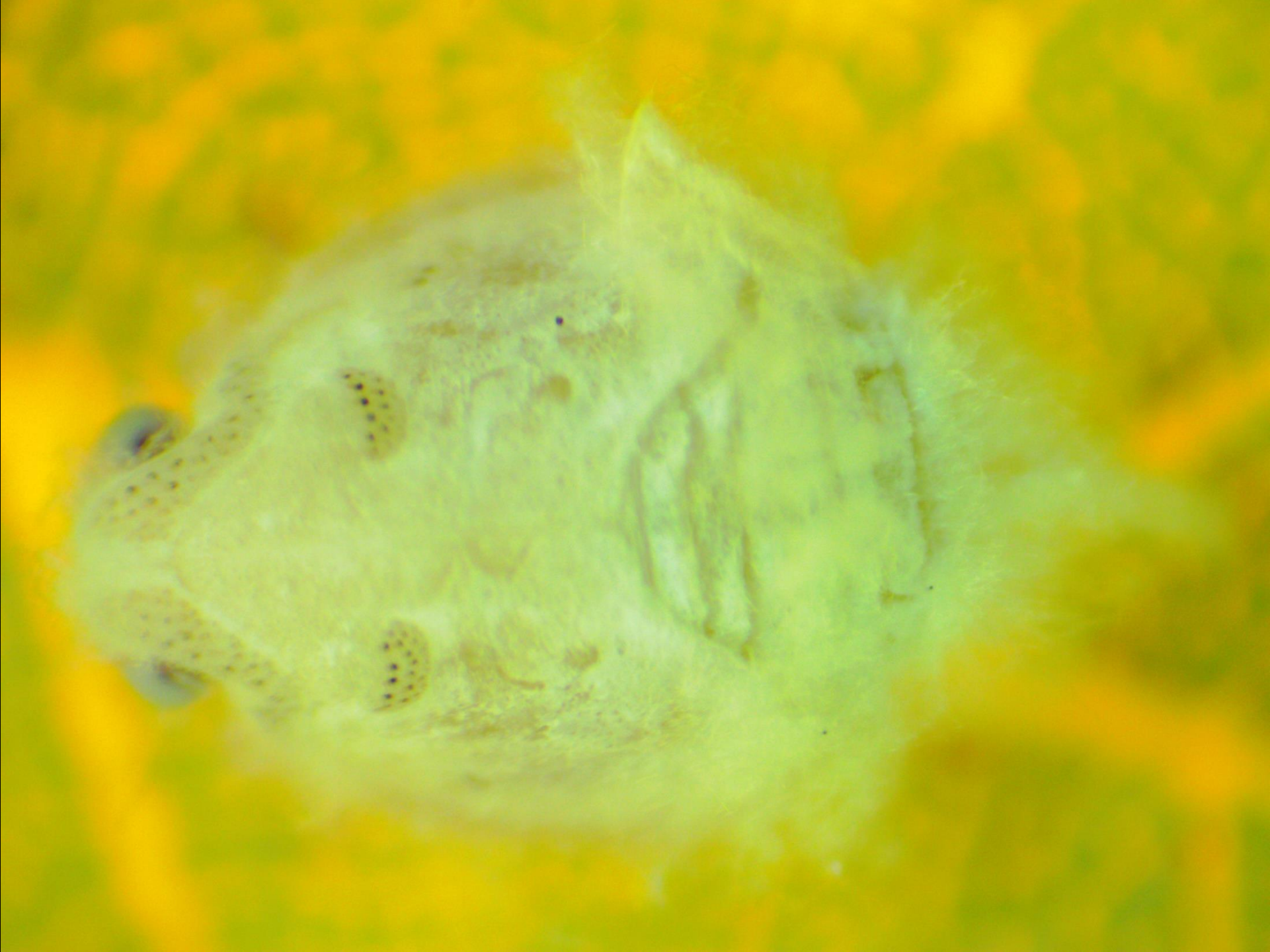
- Use a crayon, markers, finger paint
- Work in a spiral starting at the center of the page
- Work from the margins and work your way in.
- Use block letters, change the font
- Write it on the floor, on the wall, standing up, squatting, or with you non-dominant hand

# Building Blocks for PLACE and CHARACTER

On one Post-It Note:

1. Write/sketch 5-10 things or places which are important to your MC (main character)
2. 5-10 words/sketches your MC would use to describe themselves
3. 5-10 words/sketches your villain would use to describe MC





# Working on Words

1. Make a quick acrostic with your MC's name – from their perspective
2. Make a long list of words to describe your MC from his/her perspective
3. Pull out your Post-It Note #2. Using a thesaurus, friend, Rhymezone.com, etc. find more possibilities.

**Ninja**

**Y?**

**Manly**

**Perfect**

**Hero**

Brave, hero, might, warrior, ghost, phantom, trained, disciplined, controlled, trained, precocious, focused, agile, skilled, drilled, mentor, winner, savior, champ

Hailed, handsome, heartthrob, herculean, heroic, honorable, icon, strength, immortal, intrepid, indomitable, undefeatable, valorous, invincible, masculine, popular,

# Other Strategies

- Higher Order Thinking and Thinker's Tools  
<http://hotandthinkertools.wikispaces.com>