

# A Bug's Life: Post Visit

## Storytelling the Life Cycle

**Materials:**

- None

**Time:** 20 - 30 minutes

**Activity:**

A storytelling game. Students will sit in a circle and take turns telling the story of an arthropod at each of its 4 stages of life. The group will name their arthropod and then tell it's story. One student will tell the story of "Joe the Butterfly" as an egg. (Joe was still inside his egg, which was attached to a milkweed leaf. That's good because milkweed is what Joe will want to eat when he hatches and becomes a caterpillar). At the end of one student's story telling time the student assigned to the next stage will take over the story. This will be an exercise in improv as well because students will not know the each other's plans for the story at the start of the exercise.

**Potential Extensions/Adaptations:**

Students can write down or illustrate their story, they can also practice their story and act it out for the class.

Another adaptation is to have the storyteller change at the end of each sentence instead of at the end of each lifecycle stage.

## Coloring the Life Cycle

**Grades:** K - 2

**Time:** 20 Minutes

**Number of Students:** Up to 30

**Materials:**

- Life Cycle Pendent Sheets, one per student (found in their Observation Journals)
  - [Mealworm](#)
  - Lady Beetle
  - Hornworm
  - Monarch
- Correlating Life Cycle Photo Mosaics (as preloaded in the Observation Journals)

- Coloring Materials
- Clipboard

**Lesson Steps:**

- Start with a simple discussion about how it is not only butterflies and moths that go through metamorphosis. Lots of other arthropods become pupas and molt into adults. This activity is designed to show students some examples of these arthropods.
- Start students off by having them number the life cycle circles in order of their life cycle stage. There is no line in the circle or official space, anywhere in the circle will do.
- Have students color in the life cycle stage
  - There will be about 3 or 4 different arthropod coloring pages so not all students will have the same arthropods to color.