

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Environmental Education Program

Create An Insect Post Visit Activity Second Grade

Insects have unique characteristics. All insects have the following three distinct body parts: head with compound eyes and antennae, thorax with 3 pair of jointed legs and possibly a pair or so of wings, and the abdomen. While all insects share the same body composition they come in a variety of colors, sizes and shapes and can be found all over the world.

Have the students draw an insect and label the head, thorax and abdomen. From the table below have the students select mouth parts for how their insect eats, legs and or wings for how it moves, coloration for where it lives, eyes for how it sees, antennae for how it smells.

Have them include the life cycle of their insect.

Insect Features to Choose from

what type of mouth	How does it move	What Color	Eyes and Antennae
Biting	Hop/Long Legs	Green	Compound
Sucking	Fly/Wings	Brown	Long Antenna
Chewing	Crawl/Short Legs	Black	Short Antenna
	Swim/paddle like feet	Red	
		Other depending on where it lives	