

Name: _____

Life Cycles

Part 1:

Exploring an Organism's Life

1) What organism did you receive? _____



Talk with your group about how your organism changes over its lifetime.

2) Draw and label your organism at 4 to 6 different stages in its life. This will be your **model**.

1	2	3
4	5	6

Comparing the size of your organism over its lifetime:

- 3) Does the organism stay the same size over its lifetime? Yes Circle One No
- 4) Did the organism change size for every stage of its life? Yes Circle One No



If No: Two stages where the organism **stays the same size** are: stage ____ and stage ____.

- 5) Two stages in which the organism **changes size** are: stage ____ and stage _____. (circle the stage that is bigger)

Comparing Similar Organisms

(Your teacher will assign you a partner group to share with.)

- 6) What organisms did your partner group receive? _____

Compare the sizes of your organisms:

- 7) A/an _____ is smaller than / bigger than / the same as
Your Organism Circle One
a/an _____.
Partner Group's Organism

Have one group share what they drew for the stages in their **model** (question 2).



Have the other group share what they drew for their stages in their **model** (question 2).

- 8) List **similarities** between your two models: (you do not have to fill out all lines)

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

9) List **differences** between your two models: (you do not have to fill out all lines)

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

10) Did the _____ change size for every stage of
its life? Partner Group's Organism
Yes No
Circle One

If No: Two stages where the organism **stays the same size** are: stage ____
and stage ____.

11) Two stages in which a/an _____ **changes size** are
Partner Group's Organism
stage ____ and stage _____. (circle the stage that is bigger)

12) List if there is anything you would like to change or add to your model
(question 2): (you do not have to fill out all lines)

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

Part 2:

Class Discussion

*Have a class discussion on how to compare plants and animals.



Comparing Different Organisms

(Your teacher will assign you a second partner group to share with.)

13) What organism did your partner group receive? _____
Partner Group's Organism

Compare the sizes of your organisms:

14) A/an _____ is smaller than / bigger than / the same as
Your Organism Circle One
a/an _____
Partner Group's Organism





Have one group share what they drew for the stages in their **model** (question 2).

Have the other group share what they drew for their stages in their **model** (question 2).

15) List **similarities** between your two models: (you do not have to fill out all lines)

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

16) List **differences** between your two models: (you do not have to fill out all lines)

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

17) Did the _____ change size for every stage of

its life? Partner Group's Organism
Yes **No**
Circle One

If No: Two stages where the organism **stays the same size** are: stage ____
and stage ____.

18) Two stages in which a/an _____ **changes size** are
Partner Group's Organism
stage ____ and stage ____ . (circle the stage that is bigger)

19) List if there is anything you would like to change or add to your model
(question 2): (you do not have to fill out all lines)

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

Part 3:

Life Cycle Video

20) What organism is in the video?



21) At the beginning of the video the organism was a

_____; this is known as

_____. Then the organism

_____. Next the organism

_____, and these contained _____

which would fall to the ground and _____. This is known

as _____. At the end the organism

_____.

22) List **similarities** between the video and your model:

(you do not have to fill out all lines)

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

23) List **differences** between the video and your model:

(you do not have to fill out all lines)

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

24) In question 21 circle the key stages of life that the organism went through.

25) Draw and label the sunflower at 4 to 6 different stages in its life. Make sure to include the words: birth, growth, reproduction, death, and any other key words to designate stages of life.

1	2	3
4	5	6

26) List if there is anything you would like to change or add to your model
(question 2): (you do not have to fill out all lines)

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

Revising Your Model

27) What organism did you receive? _____

28) Highlight and read answers for questions 12, 19, and 26.

Revise your model by drawing and labeling your organism at 4 to 6 different stages in its life. Make sure to include the words: birth, growth, reproduction, death, and any other key words to designate stages of life.

1	2	3
4	5	6

Assign a stage number(s) to each person in your group and write their name and the stage number(s) below.



_____ 's stage number(s): _____
Name

_____ 's stage number(s): _____
Name

_____ 's stage number(s): _____
Name

_____ 's stage number(s): _____
Name

Then share your model with the rest of the class.

Part 4:

Class Model

- 29) As a class, generate a model that could be used for any organism to show what happens during their life cycle.

Part 5:

Life Cycle Journal

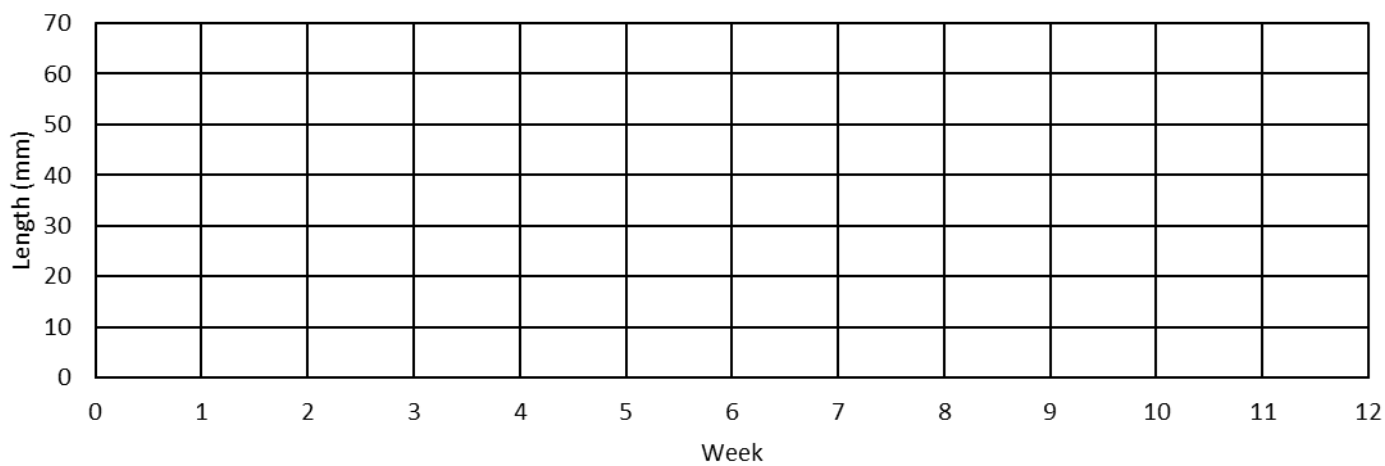
Get your Life Cycle Journal from your teacher and fill it out for the next 8 weeks.

Part 6:

Data

Class Plant Graphs of Length and Height

How a Fast Plant's **Length** Changes with Time



Plant Length Summary:

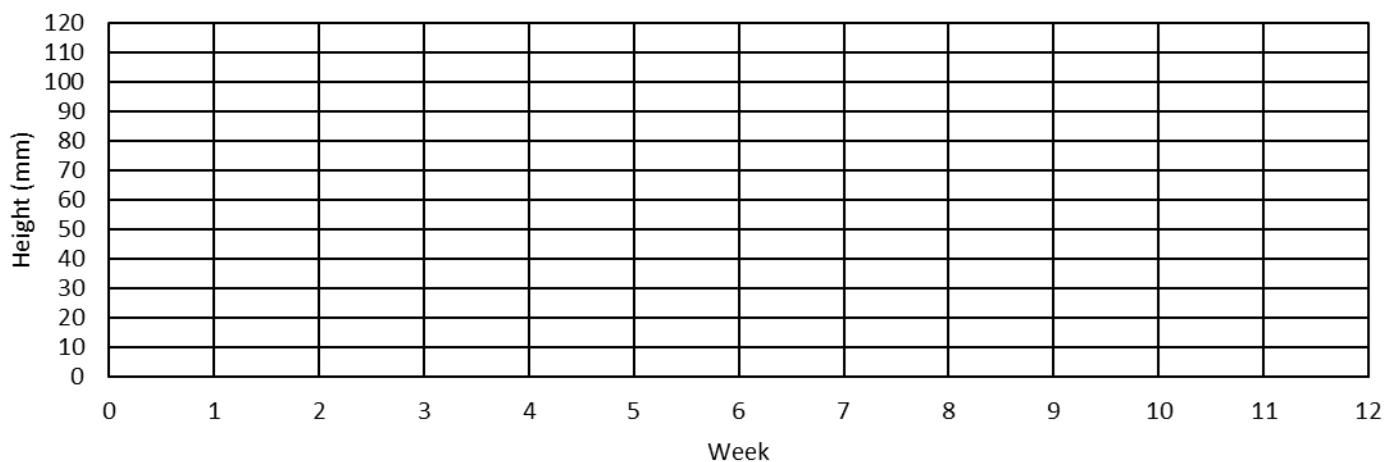
**Fill out at the end of life cycle.*

Max Length: _____

Min Length: _____

Over the organism's
life it had a length
difference of:

How a Fast Plant's **Height** Changes with Time



Plant Height Summary:

**Fill out at the end of life cycle*

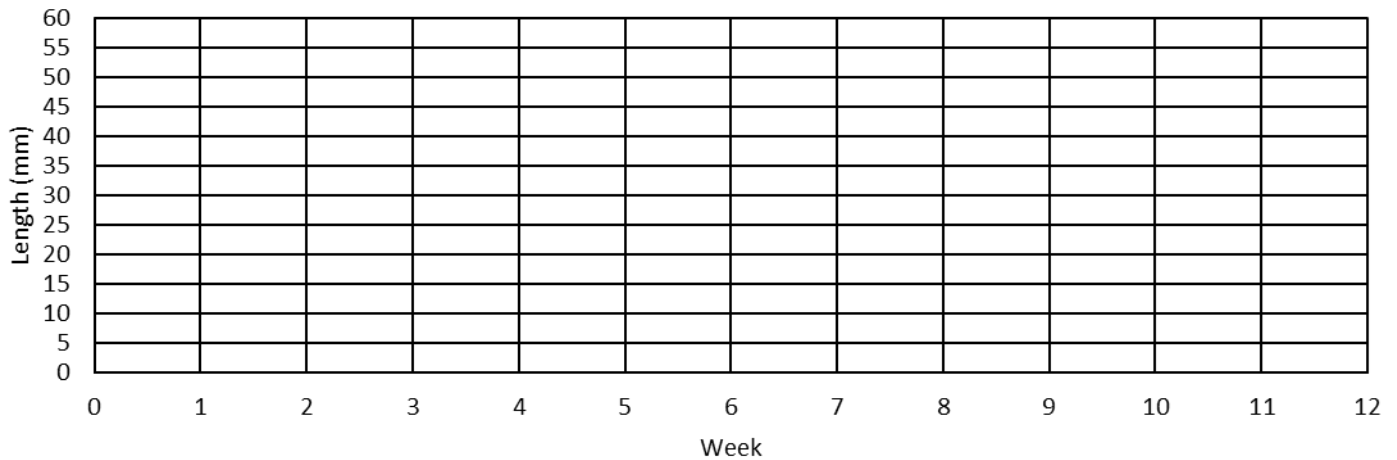
Max Height: _____

Min Height: _____

Over the organism's
life it had a height
difference of:

Class *Animal* Graphs of Length and Height

How a Silkworm's **Length** Changes with Time



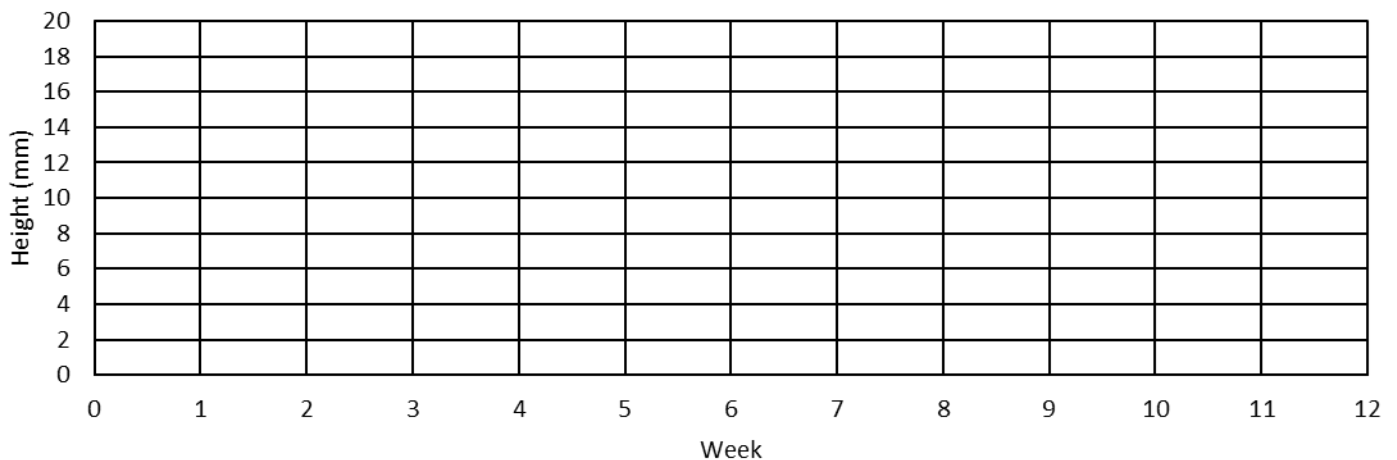
Animal Length Summary:
**Fill out at the end of life cycle*

Over the organism's
 life it had a length
 difference of:

Max Length: _____

Min Length: _____

How a Slikworm's **Height** Changes with Time



Animal Height Summary:
**Fill out at the end of life cycle.*

Over the organism's
 life it had a height
 difference of:

Max Height: _____

Min Height: _____

Analyzing Data

Plant Life Cycle

30) Label the following on the fast plant height graph:
birth, growth, flower, reproduce, and die.

31) The stage in which the organism was the **longest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One

32) The stage in which the organism was the **shortest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One

33) The stage in which the organism was the **tallest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One

34) The stage in which the organism was the **shortest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One



Animal Life Cycles

35) Label the following on the silkworm length graph: birth, growth, form cocoon, moth, reproduce, and die.

36) The stage in which the organism was the **longest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One

37) The stage in which the organism was the **shortest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One

38) The stage in which the organism was the **tallest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One

39) The stage in which the organism was the **shortest** was:

birth / growth / reproduction / death
Circle One



Lesson Reflection

40) What did you learn about the life cycles of plants and animals?

41) Draw a picture of the life cycle of a plant **or** an animal of your choice and label key stages in life.

