



Insect Aesthetics Instructions

Objectives:

- Appreciate that insects have aesthetic value
- Understand that insects can be an important part of culture in other countries
- View diversity of insects in an insect collection
- Make insect origami

Question the students: What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word “insect” or “bug?”

- Not all insects are “gross;” many can be considered beautiful
- Follow up by asking “What is your Favorite insect?”

Show “Oh My” insect collection

- Butterflies and moths (commonly used in clothing, art, ads, etc.)
- Beetles
- Grasshoppers and Crickets
- Flies
- Bees and Wasps
- True bugs, cicadas, hoppers, other Hemitera

Insect Origami

- Work with students to create origami that they can take home with them