

# Bess Beetle Activities

## Observe

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Bess beetles gradually decompose the wood they live in by eating the wood fibers. Observe what the wood looks like each week as the beetles eat it. Record the changes by drawing the wood. Pay attention to the thickness of the wood. The beetles will eat the softer, outer wood first.

Draw 

A large, empty rectangular box for drawing the wood after the first week.A large, empty rectangular box for drawing the wood after the second week.A large, empty rectangular box for drawing the wood after the third week.A large, empty rectangular box for drawing the wood after the fourth week.

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## Vocabulary Write the definitions.

beetle - \_\_\_\_\_

elytra - \_\_\_\_\_

frass - \_\_\_\_\_

metamorphosis - \_\_\_\_\_

Passalidae - \_\_\_\_\_

pronotum - \_\_\_\_\_

stridulation - \_\_\_\_\_

## Labeling

Label the body parts of the Bess beetle. Fill in the ten blanks below with the words from the word bank.

|         |              |      |          |          |
|---------|--------------|------|----------|----------|
| abdomen | compound eye | head | legs     | pronotum |
| antenna | elytra       | horn | mandible | thorax   |

