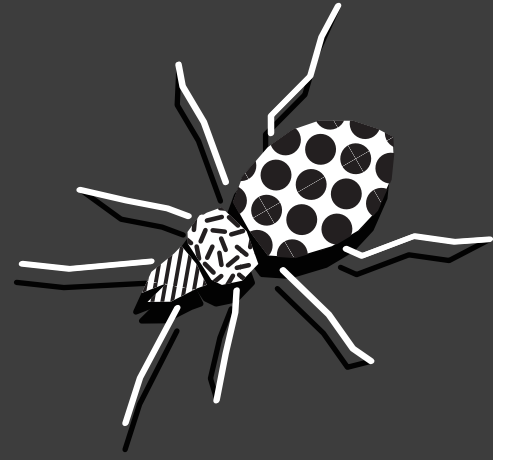


# WHAT



**INSECTS HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT & PLAY A UNIQUE ROLE IN OUR WORLD!**

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## INSECTS...

- Provide biological control against pests
- Are a major food source for birds, reptiles, amphibians, & mammals
- Are a resource for useful pharmaceutical compounds to fight disease
- Are pollinators of plants for our food & our ecosystem
  
- Have 3 body parts: Head, thorax (chest), abdomen (stomach), six legs, one pair of antennae, & sometimes wings
  
- Belong to a group of animals known as arthropods. Arthropods have jointed appendages (legs, antennae, etc) & exoskeletons. Other arthropods include, crustaceans (lobster & shrimp), arachnids (spiders, ticks, & mites), millipedes, & centipedes

# INSECT?

