

ODD ORGANISM CHALLENGE

Directions: Do some research on an organism. Pick any organism you want, but if you pick one that no one else in any of my classes does, I'll give you extra credit so think divergently. You can do any type of organism: animal, plant, fungus, bacteria, protist, whatever. Your research should turn up the following information:

Common name(s):

Draw me a picture of the organism:

Kingdom:

Phylum:

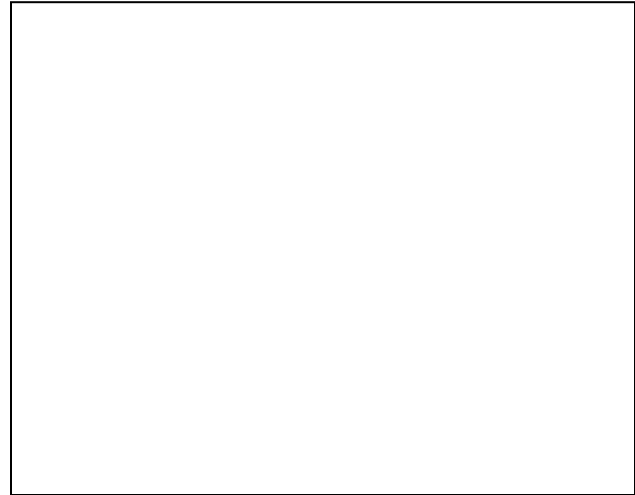
Class:

Order:

Family:

Genus:

Species:



Pick any two of the taxons above (except for Kingdom or species). For each taxon:

- Identify which taxon it is (phylum, class, order, etc.)
- Describe the characteristics that are specific for that taxon.
- Other organisms in that group.

e.g. Barnacles are in the class *maxillopoda*. A characteristic of this class is they are crustaceans lacking true legs. Some have developed mouthparts to use as "legs". Copepods and fish lice are examples of other maxillopods.

For more extra credit, describe some information on the organism's life history, habitat, global distribution and other interesting facts.