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Project Title Super Sow Bugs	
Abstract Objectives/Goals The objective of my experiment was to determine what amount of light sow bugs prefer when given the choice of a shaded terrarium or a non-shaded terrarium. Methods/Materials I wrapped two terrariums with black construction paper. Then I put soil in each terrarium, followed by fifteen sow bugs in each one. Immediately after I placed a light with a 50 watt grow light over the terrariums. Then I placed weed cloth over one of the terrariums. My purpose was to create two different environments for comparison. Results The sow bugs in terrarium A (shaded) were healthier and more active than the sow bugs in terrarium B. In terrarium B (unshaded) the sow bugs were not as healthy, less active, and one of them died. In conclusion, I observed that the sow bugs preferred less light. If they were exposed to too much light, they would become sickly and possibly die. Conclusions/Discussion My results did support my hypothesis, because my hypothesis was that I thought the sow bugs would prefer dark areas and my results confirmed that. Conducting this experiment greatly expanded my knowledge of zoology and isopods. Before, I didn't know of sow bugs light preferences and now I know everything from their eating habits to their preferred habitats.	
Summary Statement In this project I compared the light preferences of sow bugs; it was evident that they preferred less light.	
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