## **Lesson Topic: Life Cycles: Zooplankton**

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#### **Standards Addressed in this Lesson:**

# NGSS 2-LS2 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

# **Learning Goals/Target for this Lesson**

#### Students will know:

- Zooplankton: copepod
- life cycle of copepod
- whether the life cycle of a copepod is complete or incomplete

Students will be able to:

- identify the stages of zooplankton's life cycle
- compare the life cycle of zooplankton to the life cycles of a butterfly, mealworms and milkweed bugs

## **Lesson Essential Question:**

How is an insect's life cycle similar or different to other life cycles? (ET)

Activating Strategy: Notebook file on Life Cycles

# **Key vocabulary** to preview and vocabulary strategy:

- zooplankton
- copepod
- metamorphosis
- complete and incomplete metamorphosis

#### **Lesson Instruction:**

## Learning activity:

1.Explore the website:

<a href="https://www.underthescope.udel.edu/plankton-information">https://www.underthescope.udel.edu/plankton-information</a> each child will have a laptop to have a guided exploration of the website

2. Look at the life cycle of a copepod, identify the life stages, determine complete or incomplete

- 3. Graphic Organizer: Life Cycle Graphic Organizer
- 4. Assignment: Create a flip book, the children pick a type of zooplankton from the "Magnify It" section and make a flip book.

Summarizing Strategy: Play Kahoot