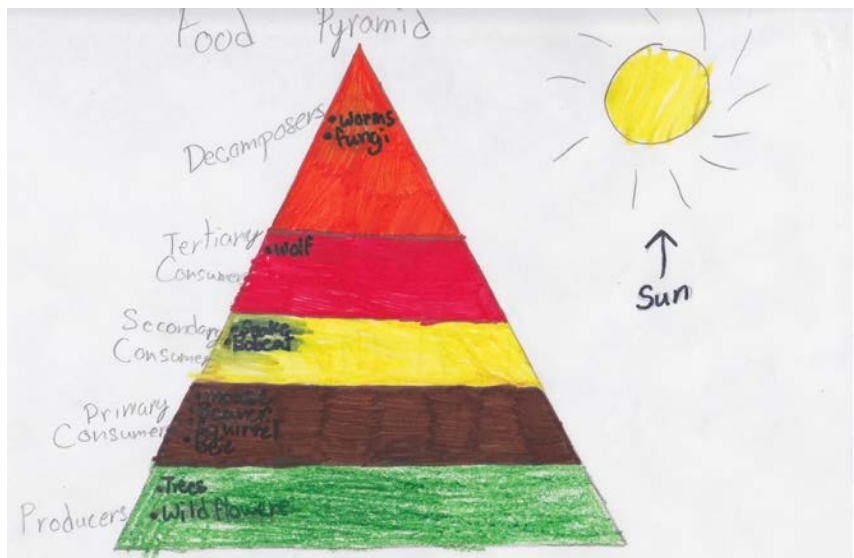


FOREST FOOD WEB

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"Awooo," the wolf howls as it sees the full moon come up. The plants and animals of the forest all depend on the food web and each other to survive. This essay that I've written is based on the food web - the plants and the animals of the forest including producers, consumers, and decomposers.

I am going to tell you about producers. Producers are things that make food for consumers and also only get their energy from the sun through photosynthesis. Two



examples of producers are a tree and a wildflower. One fact about them is that they give consumers food. Another fact is that if they were not on the food web the consumers wouldn't be born any more and they might get extinct. They would become extinct because they would not have food anymore. Now I am going to tell you about consumers.

The consumers are the second step in the food web. Consumers are either plants or animals and they eat the producers and also other consumers. One example of a primary consumer is a bee or a deer. One fact is that they eat the producers. Another fact is that they are all herbivores. That means they only eat plants. An example of a secondary consumer is a bobcat or a snake. One fact is that these eat the primary consumers and each other. Another fact is that they are all omnivores.

That means that they eat meat and plants. One example of a tertiary consumer is a wolf. One thing about them is that they are always the most powerful and they are omnivores also but some are only carnivores. The things I now am gonna tell you about are called decomposers.

Decomposers are the things that break down dead plants and animals. Some examples are fungi and worms. One fact is that they are some of the most important parts of the food web because they need to break down all the dead plants and animals which makes them soil to let the seeds go into the ground and not fall into hard soil and things like that. They break down dead plants and animals and gives the soil nutrients. The final fact is that these decomposers are usually little things that sometimes grow on other things. Now I've told you all about decomposers.

I've told you everything I can about the producers, consumers, and decomposers of the forest. The producers don't eat any living thing, they get their energy from the sun. Consumers eat each other, producers, or both. Decomposers are the last part. They get their energy by breaking down dead plants and animals. They also give the soil nutrients. Everything gets some or all of it's energy from the sun. Remember that when you kill animals in the wild you could be changing a whole food web. Here is an example of the forest food web.

