KEY CONCEPT

Arthropods are the most diverse of all animals.



Arthropod features are highly adapted.

- Arthropods are invertebrates that share several features.
 - exoskeleton (cuticle) made of chitin
 - jointed appendages
 - segmented body parts



- Arthropods are classified into five groups.
 - Trilobites—extinct, bottom feeders



The oldest fossils are of trilobites that date back 540 million years.

 Crustaceans—live in oceans, freshwater streams, and on land



- Chelicerates—specialized daggerlike mouthparts



- Insects-most live on land, have six legs



- Myriapods—long bodies and many pairs of legs



- Arthropods have an open circulatory system.
- Sensory organs such as antennae are made of modified cuticle.
- Most arthropods have compound eyes.



- The evolutionary relationship between arthropods and other invertebrates remains under question.
 - body segmentation similar to annelids
 - molecular evidence suggests segmentation is analogous development
- Velvet worms and water bears are considered the closest relatives of arthropods.





KEY CONCEPT

Crustaceans are a diverse group of ancient arthropods.



Crustaceans evolved as marine arthropods.

- Crustaceans share several common features.
 - two distinct body sections, cephalothorax and abdomen
 - one pair of appendages per segment
 - two pairs of antennae
 - exoskeleton
 - carapace



- Crustacean appendages are used for a variety of functions.
 - collecting and manipulating food
 - attracting females
 - protection
- Appendages include claws, antennae, walking legs, swimmerets, and mandibles.



There are many different types of crustaceans.

- Crustaceans vary in both anatomy and structure.
 - Decapods such as lobsters and crabs have ten legs.



Barnacles are sessile filter feeders wrapped in a hard shell.



 Isopods such as pill bugs have flattened bodies and seven pairs of legs.



 Tongue worms are parasites found in a host's lungs or nasal passages.

KEY CONCEPT

Arachnids include spiders and their relatives.



Arachnids are the largest group of chelicerates.

- There are three major groups of chelicerates.
 - horseshoe crabs



Arachnids are the largest group of chelicerates.

- There are three major groups of chelicerates.
 - horseshoe crabs
 - sea spiders
 - arachnids



- Chelicerates share several features.
 - no antennae
 - four pairs of walking legs
 - one pair each of chelicerae and pedipalps
- Arachnids are a group of chelicerates that live on land.

fangs

spinnerets

poison gland

- eight legs
- fanglike pincers
 that inject venom
- silk glands

 Arachnids have four different adaptations that reduce water loss.

book lung

heart

- waterproof cuticle
- book lungs
- Malpighian tubules
- spiracles

Arachnids have evolved into a diverse group.

• All spiders make silk and produce venom.



Arachnids have evolved into a diverse group.

- Spiders make up half of the more than 60,000 known arachnid species.
- Arachnids also include mites, ticks, chiggers, and scorpions.





KEY CONCEPT

Insects show an amazing range of adaptations.



Insects are the dominant terrestrial arthropods.

- Insects are in nearly every ecological niche.
- Insects have a body with three parts.
 - head
 - thorax
 - abdomen



Some insects live independently, others live in social colonies.



Insects undergo metamorphosis.

- In incomplete metamorphosis, insects look like miniature adults when they hatch.
- There are three life stages of incomplete metamorphosis.



- In complete metamorphosis, the insect changes form entirely.
- There are three life stages of incomplete metamorphosis.
 - egg
 - Iarva
 - pupa
 - adult



Insects have adapted to life on land.

• The evolution of flight occurred in insects 400 million years ago.



- An insect's mouth parts are adaptations related to its specialized diet.
 - sucking mouth parts



- chewing mouthparts

