

Learning About Brine Shrimp

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Second graders are learning about brine shrimp. Brine shrimp are amazing! Brine shrimp is a kind of shrimp that is very dainty. Brine shrimp are amazing because they are really, really small. Brine shrimp can develop from a dormant cyst to an adult in 8 days. They can change color if they eat colored food. Brine shrimp live in The Great Salt Lake. Brine shrimp eat algae and bacteria. While they are born they don't need to eat because they have yolk in them. When they are grown up they have a thing sticking out of their bodies. Cysts stay dormant until the weather is warm. There are 14-17 stages for a brine shrimp. Female brine shrimp have an egg sack. Cysts can stay dormant for 25 years. They shed their skin up to 14-17 times. When brine shrimp are a dormant cyst they are less than a centimeter. Male brine shrimp have antennae. Brine shrimp can be food for fish. In the shrimp the Salt Lake is filled with brine shrimp.