

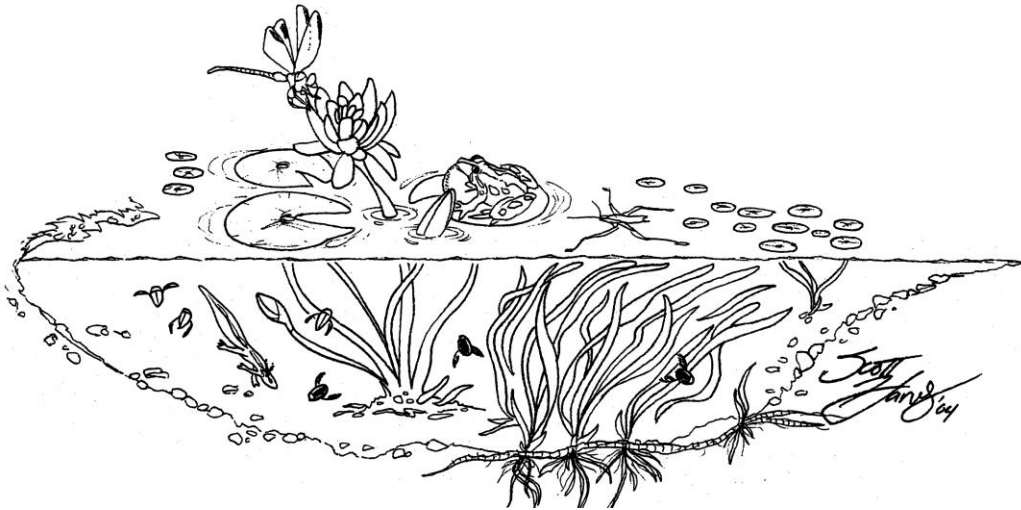
Module 1 ~ Silent Invaders (UE/MS)

Submersed Plants Reading Activity



Name: _____ Class Period: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Read the following and then use what you've learned to answer the questions below in complete sentences.



Submersed plants are large plants that grow mostly below the water's surface. Eel grass, coontail, and hydrilla are examples of submersed plants. Some of these plants, like eel grass and hydrilla, are rooted to the waterbody's bottom sediments. Hydrilla is a **non-native plant** that is considered to be **invasive** because it causes economic and ecological harm.

Submersed plants occur in virtually all Florida waterbodies. They provide food and habitat for fish and other aquatic animals. In a given waterbody, the amount of light, water clarity and water depth will affect where submersed plants will grow.

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1. What is the main characteristic of a submersed plant?

2. How would you classify hydrilla?



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3. Name two positive benefits that result from submersed plants.

4. What factors affect where a submersed plant can grow?

Sources:

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Plant Management in Florida Waters: An Integrated Approach: <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/manage/>



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