

My Awesome Summer by P.Mantis

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Synopsis: Told in dated entries, P. Mantis describes the entirety of her life, sharing the fun and beauty of her world as well its little ups and downs.

Suggested Reading Date: October 17 is the last entry date in the book!

Activity Descriptions:

- Share the life cycle of other insects through books and videos (compare/contrast).
- Create a journal for another insect (or animal).
- Have students find fun facts about insects and create a 3 truths and 1 lie.
- Find the main idea for each daily entry.

Related Websites:

- National Geographic (includes video/images):
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/p/praying-mantis/>
- Keeping Insects (as pets). Includes care, types of mantis, and more!:
<https://www.keepinginsects.com/praying-mantis/>
- National Geographic Kids: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/praying-mantis/#praying-mantis-eyes.jpg>
- Sciencing for Kids: <https://sciencing.com/praying-mantis-kids-8638156.html>
- Life cycles of bugs (Museum Victoria – Australia):
<https://museums victoria.com.au/bugs/life/cycles.aspx>
- San Diego Zoo (many insect links her at bottom of page):
<http://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/arthropods>
- Author Website: <http://www.paulmeisel.com/>
- Storymakers Interview w/ Paul Meisel (9:57)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ii5WahN1Eaw> <illustrations start @ 7:00>

Text to Text Connections: If you like this book, you might also want to use:

Diary of a Spider-- Doreen Cronin

Diary of a Worm -- Doreen Cronin

Forest Explorer --Nic Bishop

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! (Eyewitness Reader) -- Jennifer Dussling

20 Fun Facts About Praying Mantises -- Adrienne Houk Maley

Mantis (Extreme Insect Series) -- S.L. Hamilton

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