## Ecological Pyramids Foldable

## Building your pyramid foldable

- Get a pyramid foldable sheet.
- Notice the difference between the solid lines and dotted line.



## Building your pyramid foldable

- Flip the page over and fold the upper left corner down to the right side of the page



## Building your pyramid foldable

- Open up the paper and do the same thing from the upper right corner down to the left side of the page



## Building your pyramid foldable



## Building your pyramid foldable

- Fold the flap up on the horizontal solid line



## Building your pyramid foldable

- Fold the flap back down and find a pair of scissors



## Building your pyramid foldable

- Find the dotted line and cut from the lower right corner to the center of the crossed lines



## Building your pyramid foldable

- When you've finished your sheet should look like the image to the right



## Front Flap

- Define the following words on the front flap:

1) Energy pyramid
2) Biomass pyramid
3) Numbers pyramid
4) Biomagnification

## Pyramid Sides (Front)

- Energy Pyramid will go on...... 1
- Biomass Pyramid will go on... (2)
- Numbers Pyramid will go on.. 3



## Energy Pyramid (1)

- Label trophic levels (Producers, Primary ( ${\left(1{ }^{\circ}\right) \text { consumer, Secondary }\left(2^{\circ}\right) ~}_{\text {) }}$ ) consumer, Tertiary ( $3^{\circ}$ ) consumer)
- Start with 100,000 J on the Producer trophic level (Write this energy on the lowest trophic level)
- Follow the $10 \%$ rule to complete the transfer of energy to the top tropic level


## Biomass Pyramid (2)

- Label trophic levels (Producers, Primary ( ${\left(1{ }^{\circ}\right) \text { consumer, Secondary }\left(2^{\circ}\right) ~}_{\text {) }}$ ) consumer, Tertiary ( $3^{\circ}$ ) consumer)
- Start with $5,000,000 \mathrm{~kg}$ on the Producer trophic level.
- Follow the $10 \%$ rule to show the loss of biomass as you reach the top tropic level
- This shows how much mass can be supported by the trophic levels below


## Numbers Pyramid (3)

- Label trophic levels (Producers, Primary ( $1^{\circ}$ ) consumer, Secondary ( $2^{\circ}$ ) consumer, Tertiary ( $3^{\circ}$ ) consumer)
- Write 1,576,308 Plants on the producer trophic section
- Write $\mathbf{1 4 5 , 5 7 6}$ Grasshoppers on the primary consumer trophic section
- Write 14,009 Mockingbirds on the secondary consumer trophic section
- Write 1,221 Red Tail Hawks on the tertiary consumer trophic level section.

Does this numbers pyramid follow the $10 \%$ rule?

Explain why on the producer trophic level section. Circle your answer with a colored marker.

## Pyramid Sides (Back)

- Flip the page over
- Biomagnification will go on...... 4



## Pyramid Sides (Back)



## Biomagnification

- Flip your paper pyramid folder upside down, so you are looking inside.
- On the smallest tip, vertex of triangle, draw a shrimp and place 2 colored dots around it.
- In the next largest trophic level draw a Parrot fish and place 15 of the same colored dots around it
- In the next largest trophic level above that draw a Squid and place 100 of the colored dots around it
- In the largest trophic level section draw a Sperm Whale and place as many colored dots as will fill the section around it



## Completed Pyramid Sheet



> You will leave the first triangle of the pyramid blank on the front because the Biomagnification pyramid will bleed through from the back

