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When Food Chains Go Wrong! (SOL 3.5, 3.6)

What would you do if you found a 17 foot long python in your backyard? What would you do if you caught a fish that had teeth? More and more this is happening in backyards across the United States. Although these stories sound funny, invasive species are destroying the food chains. Your task is to choose an invasive species and develop a Public Service Announcement (PSA) defining the problem as it relates to the food chain and developing solutions.

Planning

You and your partner(s) must first decide on which invasive species you would like to choose. Use the table below to record your ideas and then determine which invasive species you want to research.

Animal	Pro (reason for selecting)	Con (reason against selecting)
Snakehead Fish	rasher sharp teeth	THEY FREAK ME OUT!
Imported Red Fire Ants	they are really deadly	there's not a lot to know about ants
Burmese Pythons	there is a lot to know about snakes	they aren't that deadly

Our choice: Burmese Python

To make your Public Service Announcement (PSA), you may use the following to create: (circle one)

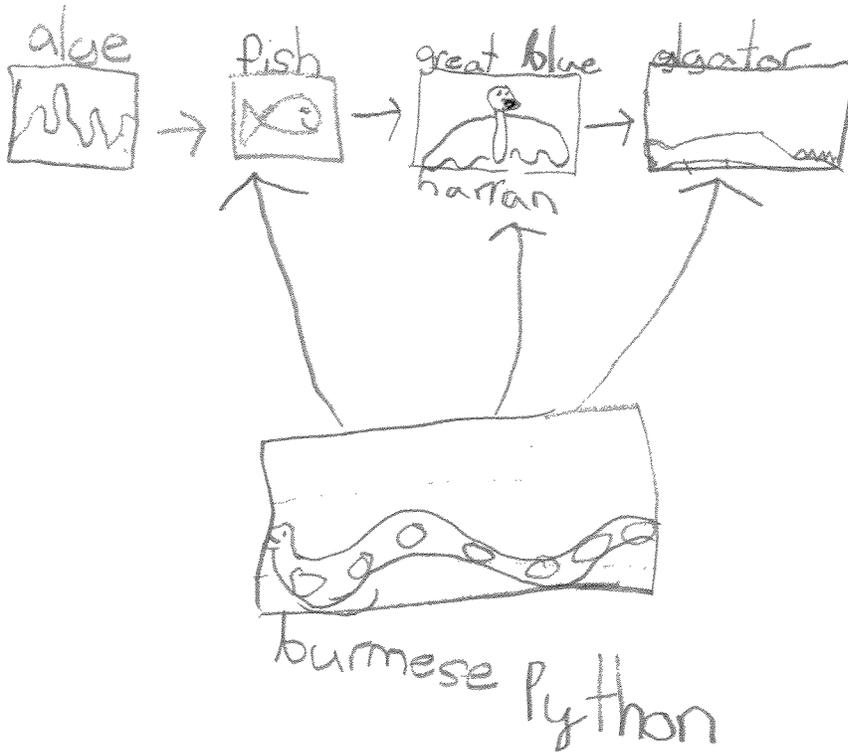
Comic Life (PSA Poster)

Pixie (Still Frame Video)

Photo Booth (PSA Commercial)

Our Choice	Justification (Why?)
Photo booth	You can do videos and funny videos.

Draw the food chain that your invasive species is going to impact here, you will use this for your Pixie:



- Using the questions we have developed together, select 6-8 questions to research.

- After you fill out your chart, organize the information on notecards for your PSA. Use one notecard for each question.

Research

Name of animal: Burmese Python

Our Research Questions	Answers/Facts/Information
Where does it like to live	the Burmese python likes to live in florida
how many egg can it lay at once	the Burmese Python can lay 87 egg at once
what is the longest Burmese python in the world	17.7 Feet long 5.36 Meters (as long as a truck!)
how many are there in the world	there are more than 100,000



Our Research Questions	Answers/Facts/Information
how did it get here?	People bring them over here to sell them for pets and once it gets to long they release it
what does it eat?	the Burmese python eats raccoons, cat, Deer, and alligators
what are the physical char	the burmese Python has dark brown dots and lighter brown for the rest
how do we get rid of it	Could Not find

STUDENT SELF ASSESSMENT

* Go to www.tinyurl.com/MrCblog and fill out the student self assessment on yourself.