

Arizona Wildlife Podcast Comprehension Activity

Episode 10: Crayfish Invasion

Part A: Determine whether each statement below is true or false. If it is false, correct the statement so that it will be true.

1. Crayfish are actually crustaceans rather than fish.
2. Crayfish were an important food source for early Arizona settlers.
3. Crayfish are endangered in Arizona.

Part B: Explain the affect that crayfish have on each of the following.

1. Frogs
2. Birds
3. Aquatic Plants
4. Soil
5. Water Quality

Part C: Answer each question below in complete sentences. The answers are not necessarily included in the content. They may require some critical thinking.

1. Would crayfish best be described as carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores? Why?
2. Why are crayfish referred to as ecosystem engineers?