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COOL RIVER PROGRAM WRITING PROMPT

IF LIPS COULD KILL...

The San Diego River is home to many different types of aquatic benthic macroinvertebrates, a.k.a River Bugs!

River Bugs play an important role in keeping our River healthy! They help filter water, break down dead materials like leaves or dead fish, and they are a food source for bigger animals like fish, frogs, and birds! Many River Bugs live underwater during the early stages of their lives and then fly to nearby plants when they become adults, like dragonflies.

A baby dragonfly (called a nymph) is one of the commonly found River Bugs we encounter in the riverbed. Dragonfly nymphs live underwater before they grow wings and fly as adults. Dragonfly nymphs have a very interesting killer lip that helps them hunt!

Check out this [video](https://bit.ly/dragonflylip) (https://bit.ly/dragonflylip) to see how it works!

*Warning to parents, there is a 5 second clip at minute 2:00 from the movie Alien that you might want to skip for littler kids.

Now, imagine humans had a killer lower lip for eating... how would life be different?

Here are some questions to get you started:

- How would we eat different kinds of food (soup, corn on the cob, popsicles)?
- Would you invent anything to help us eat?
- Would our clothes be different?
- How would you brush your teeth?
- Would you have to be careful about doing ordinary things (like kissing mom on the cheek or whispering in someone's ear)?

WRITE ABOUT WHAT YOUR LIFE WOULD BE LIKE HERE...

*Use the back of this sheet or another piece of paper if you need more room!



We'd love to hear what you come up with!
Send your work to coolriver@sandiegoriver.org to share your ideas!

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