

Decomposers are Recyclers

Observation Sheet

Day	Jar	Color Changes	Shape Changes	Moisture Changes	Anything New?
Day 1	Jar 1				
	Jar 2				
	Jar 3				
	Jar 4				
Day 3	Jar 1				
	Jar 2				
	Jar 3				
	Jar 4				

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Day 9	Jar 1				
	Jar 2				
	Jar 3				
	Jar 4				
Day 11	Jar 1				
	Jar 2				
	Jar 3				
	Jar 4				

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Day 13	Jar 1				
	Jar 2				
	Jar 3				
	Jar 4				
Day 15	Jar 1				
	Jar 2				
	Jar 3				
	Jar 4				

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Experiment Questions:

1. Which items decomposed the quickest?
2. Which items decomposed the slowest?
3. Why do they think some items decomposed faster than others?
4. Which items might benefit a wildlife community if they were left to decompose in its environment?
5. Which items might be harmful to a wildlife community?
6. How do decomposers help the other organisms in a community?