Illustrating the Four Life Stages of a Plant (10-20 minutes)

- In the four boxes below, use the space to illustrate and describe the life cycle of your plant from seeding to ripening. There are several types of carnivorous plants to choose from and research. Remember, plants come in different shapes, sizes and colors, which you can see examples of at the United States Botanic Garden.
- Detail their seeds, roots, leaves, stems and fruit (if applicable).
- What does your plant need to survive, reproduce or even regrow? What environment does your plant need to live in to survive?

Sprout / Seedling

Vegetating / Budding

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Flowering

Ripening
Playwrights, authors and storytellers of all kinds create character studies of their stories’ major players. You have detailed the plant’s physical form in the Life Cycle Activity. Now you can use your imagination to answer the following questions to create your unique plant’s life story.

1. When did your plant begin to transform and what are its physical attributes?

2. What are the personality traits and characteristics of your plant? What adjectives would you use to describe the plant?

3. How does your plant move and grow?


5. What is your plant’s objective? What does it want? Why? And what will it do to get it?

6. What are your plants’ likes and dislikes?

7. In Little Shop of Horrors, Audrey II seeks world domination. How does your plant interact with the world?
8. Audrey II is carnivorous and likes to eat people. How does your plant eat, take shelter and get their basic needs met? How does your plant survive?

9. In the story of your plant, are you a co-conspirator? Does your plant help or hurt your life? Would you be friends with your otherworldly invasive plant? Why or why not?

10. If your plant got to spend the day doing their favorite activities, what would they do and why would they enjoy it?

11. If your plant creature wanted to do something and was denied the opportunity, how would they react?
   - How would they emotionally and physically respond?

**BONUS QUESTIONS**

13. What is your plant’s favorite treat?

14. If your plant had a theme song from popular music, what would it be and why?