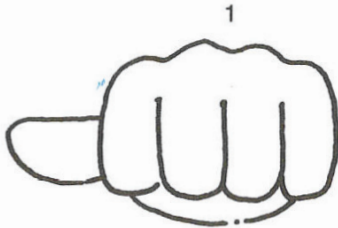


TURTLE PUPPET AND PLAY

MY TURTLE FINGER PLAY

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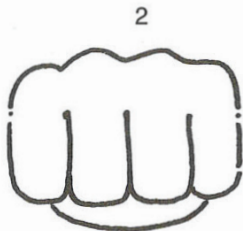


This is my turtle.

(make fist, extend thumb) (1)

He lives in a shell.

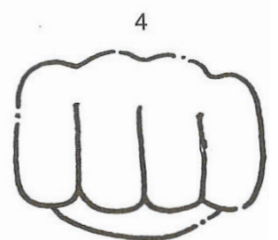
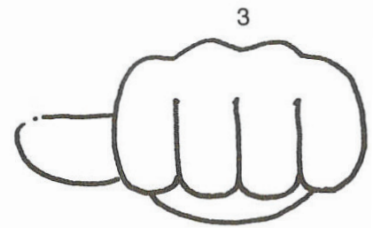
(hide thumb in fist) (2)



He likes his home very well.

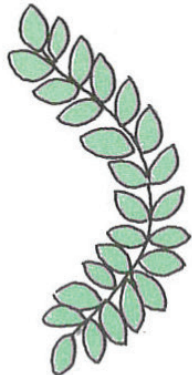
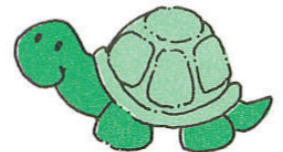
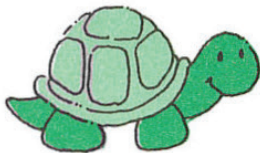
He pokes his head out when he wants to eat

(extend thumb again) (3)



And pulls it back in when he wants to sleep.

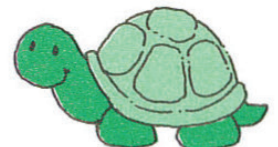
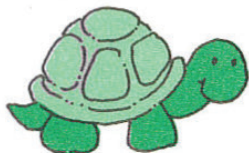
(hide thumb in fist) (4)



CLASS DISCUSSION

Discuss the following questions.

1. Where do turtles live?
2. What do turtles like to eat?
3. Why does a turtle need a shell?
4. How do turtles move?
5. Have you ever seen a turtle? What did it look like? Where did you see it?

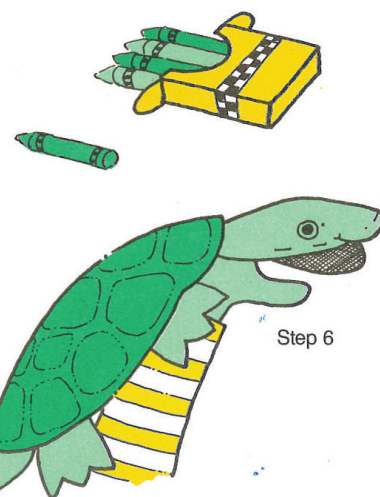
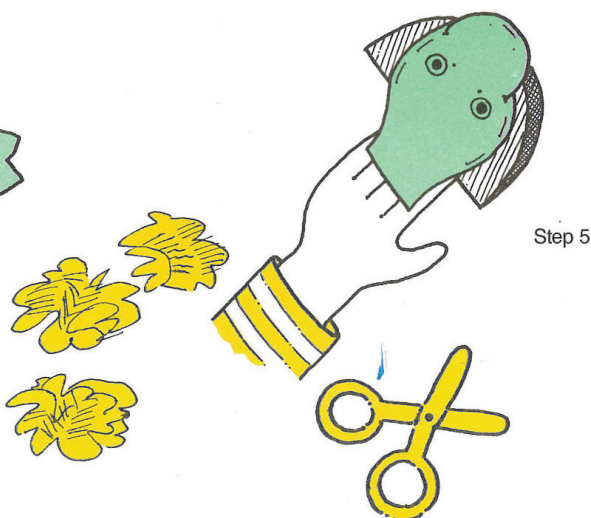
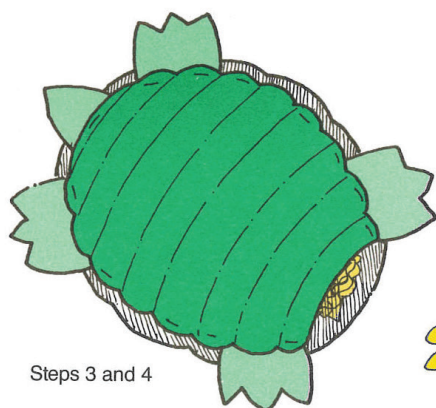


TALKING TURTLE PAPER-PLATE PUPPET

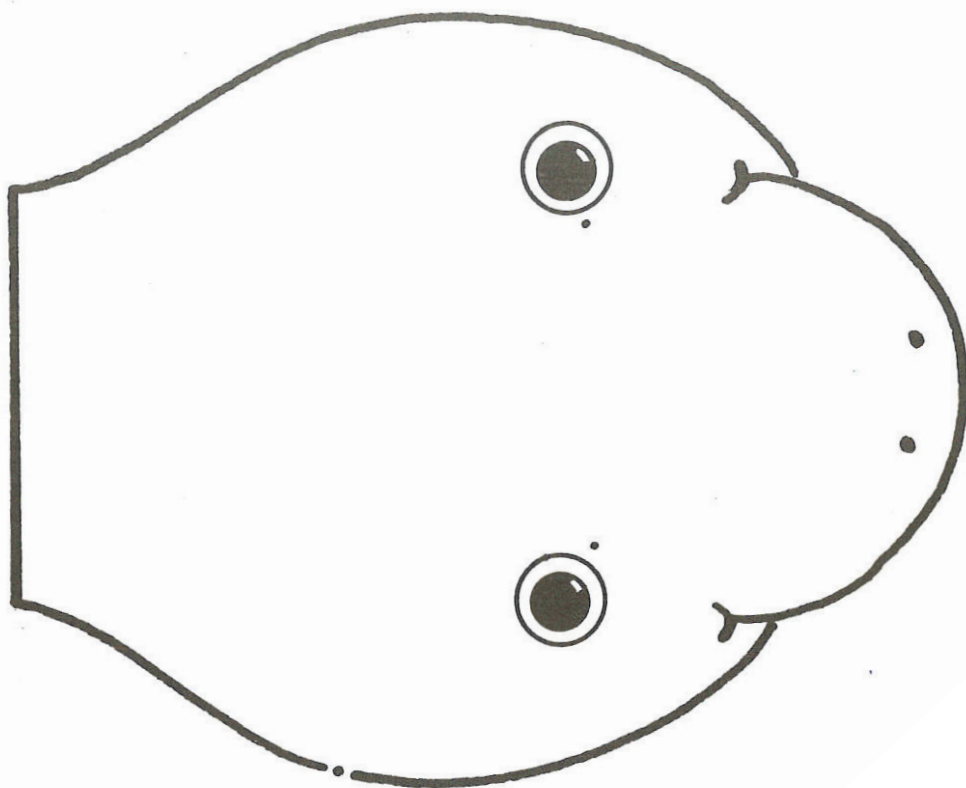
You need:

- crayons or markers
- scissors
- stapler
- newspaper
- 6" paper plates

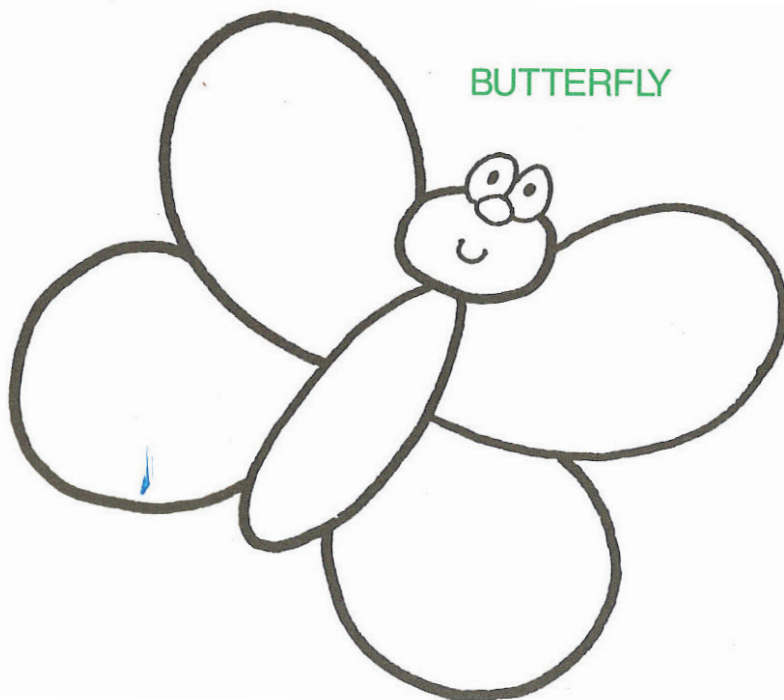
1. Reproduce all the patterns once for each child.
2. Have children color all the parts and cut out. Make sure children also color the backs of the legs and tails.
3. Help each child match the edges of the shell to the edges of the body and staple together, leaving one end open as shown.
4. Stuff crumpled newspaper inside the opening as shown and staple closed.
5. Fold a small paper plate in half. Staple the top of one rounded edge of the plate to the underside of the turtle mouth as shown, leaving enough room for a hand to fit in the opening.
6. Trim the plate around the turtle mouth and staple the head in place on the body. Slip four fingers of your hand between the face and the plate, with the thumb at the bottom of the plate to make the turtle "talk."
7. If desired, have each child color and cut out the butterfly, and then glue on the turtle's back.



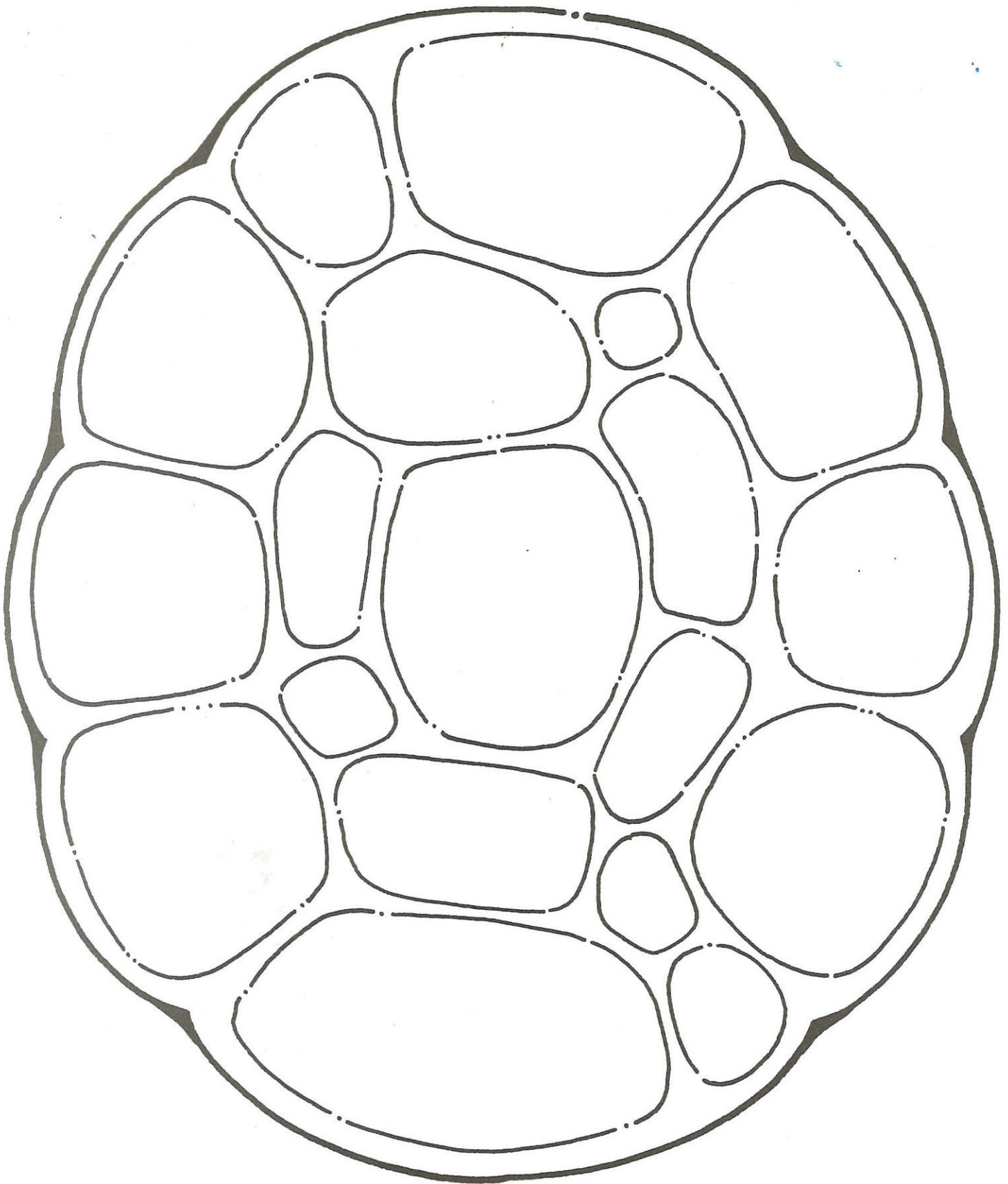
TURTLE HEAD



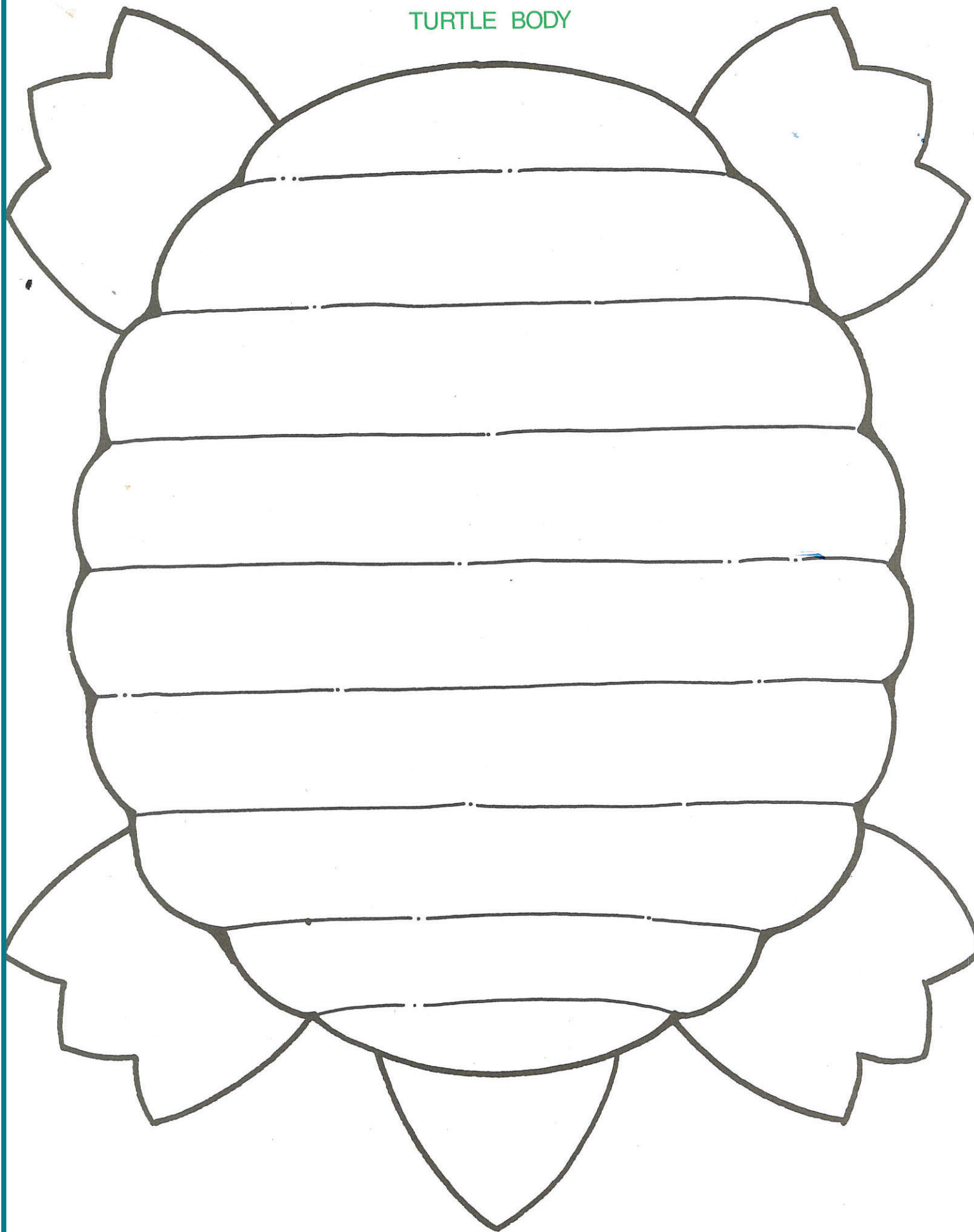
BUTTERFLY



TURTLE SHELL



TURTLE BODY



Talking Turtle Paper-Plate Puppet

