Let's All Do The Wave!

Student Version

Materials, Preparation, and Procedures

Materials and Preparation:

- Access to the internet. You will be referencing at least one video:
 <u>Arthropod Locomotion: Engineering</u> [Under Topics click on Other Topics, click onArthropod Locomotion: Engineering. (7:15 minutes)]
- Access to graph paper or even better a white board or set of white boards.

Procedure:

- Watch the video <u>Arthropod Locomotion: Engineering</u> (or other video showing wavelike motion in animals).
- 2. Get into small groups to discuss benefits of this type of motion from an evolution and survivability standpoint.
- 3. Come up with characteristics to compare and analyze the motion of animals and share with the class.
- 4. Decide as a group what type of animal you want to analyze (example: up down motion of inchworms, slithering of snakes, etc.).
- 5. Research the characteristics of one animal of the chosen movement type.
- 6. Calculate chosen comparison characteristics and post data onto a data table.
- 7. Plot the data on a piece of graph paper and on a whiteboard to display for the class.
- 8. Analyze the plotted results and come together as a class to determine if there is a correlation between the comparison characteristics.
- 9. Discuss the possible uses of this analysis in the creation of technology that requires locomotion.