

## My Life as a Bess Beetle rubric

It is now your chance to be creative. You will “become” a Bess beetle and write your story embedding facts about Bess beetles into your story.

Your grade will be based on the following:

70+ points = A

60-69 pts. = B

50-59 pts. = C

40-49 pts = D

You can earn points in the following ways:

2 points for each embedded accurate fact about Bess beetles

20 points for accurate spelling and punctuation

10 points for neat appearance (handwritten or word processed)

20 points for authenticity and creativity

Below is a paragraph with 10 embedded facts (underlined) that will give you an idea of what this story can look like:

Hi, my name is Betsy and I am a Bess beetle. Although we are all from the Passalidae family, there are approximately 500 species of us Bess beetles. Sometimes we are called 'Bess bugs,' 'horned passalus beetles,' or even 'patent-leather beetles' because we are so black and shiny like patent leather shoes – it can get confusing!! We thrive in hot, humid weather. As a result, most of us live in the tropics. Only two species live in the United States in hot and humid places like Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. I don't think I could survive in places like Wyoming where it is so cold and arid. Did you know that they even have snow in the Wyoming mountains in the summer – ugh!