

multi-celled organism

a common animal of weedy
shallows and pond bottoms

several species

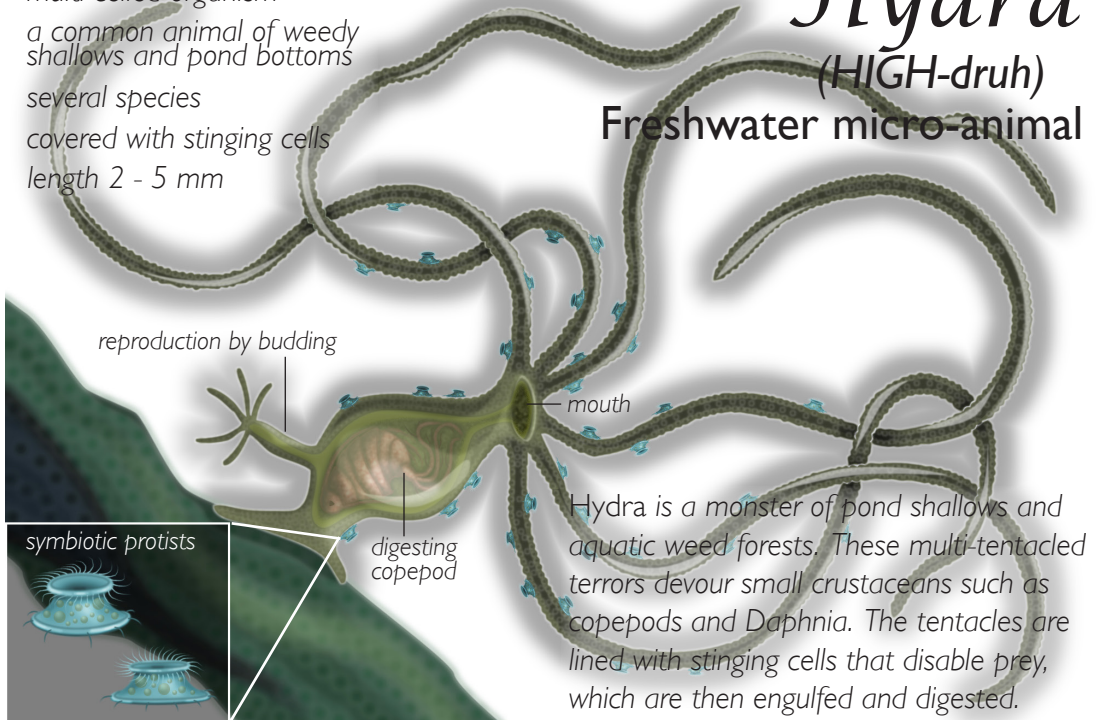
covered with stinging cells

length 2 - 5 mm

Hydra

(HIGH-druh)

Freshwater micro-animal



Hydra is a monster of pond shallows and aquatic weed forests. These multi-tentacled terrors devour small crustaceans such as copepods and *Daphnia*. The tentacles are lined with stinging cells that disable prey, which are then engulfed and digested.