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antibiotic solution. Towards the end of the experiment, I ran out of antibiotic and many caterpillars died of infection.

Rearing cecropia moths from eggs, represents a challenge to both student and teacher. Much is learned about the mysteries of insect metamorphosis. High reproductive, feeding, and mortality rates are observed which are characteristic of most insects. Most important of all, this activity shows that the cecropia larvae are veritable eating machines that depend upon Iowa's forests to keep them alive. Cecropias have the reproductive potential to do economic damage if their life cycles were shorter and their mortality rates were lower. Thanks to these last two limiting factors they cause no serious harm to our forests.

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When a chemistry teacher tells a joke to his class he expects a reaction.