Study Guide – Invertebrates

Vocabulary

Invertebrate – an animal with no backbone

Vertebrate – an animal with a backbone

Tentacle – a slender, flexible body part used to touch, hold, or move

Parasite – an organism that harms another organism by living on or in it and taking nutrients from it

Regenerate – regrow lost body parts

Segmented – made up of many similar sections

Invertebrates

Sponge – lives in water; has no organs

Sea anemone, jellyfish, coral – has tentacles with stinging cells, a body like a bag and one opening

Earthworm – a segmented worm made of many similar sections that have many special organs such as several hearts

Planarian – a flatworm that lives in water; it can regenerate (grow new body parts)

Mollusk – has an unsegmented soft body often covered by a hard shell

Sea urchins – has a tough, sharp skin spines, with many tubed feet

Sand dollar – spiny skinned invertebrate that has bodies with five sections