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Student notes for: “Top 10 Real-Life Body Snatchers” by Megan Gambino

Day: 1

1. Reread section three. The author says that the parasitic wasps “pull the puppet strings” of the caterpillar to make it protect the cocoon. What does the phrase “pull the puppet strings” imply about the wasps’ actions?

2. Reread section two. How does the parasitic wasp get the spider to spin the web for the wasp larvae’s cocoon?

3. Reread section four. How is the parasitic barnacle able to get the crab to care for the barnacle’s larvae?

4. Reread sections eight and nine. What is similar about the ways the flatworm and the nematode worm use their host to attract birds?

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Focus question: Complete the Venn diagram with evidence from the text to analyze the three main ways the parasites are able to gain control of the host animals.

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