

## **Periodical cicadas: personal time capsules**

**Project:** To find out how previous emergences have affected people.

**Assignment:** Write a report detailing people's recollections of previous emergences.

### **Questions to ask:**

Have you ever experienced a previous emergence of the cicadas?

If yes, then what year was the emergence? How old were you?

Where were you living during the emergence?

What are some of the things you remember about cicadas?

Was the person's memory as to the year accurate? If not, how many years was it off? Note that this is a test of the accuracy of an oral history as it compares to printed information.

**Brood VIII cicadas emerged in the years:** 2002, 1985, 1968, 1951, 1934, 1917, and 1900.