

The Thing

- **Challenge:** Your task is to create and perform a news report on a strange “Thing” that is threatening your town.
- **Scene:** You are a reporter for a local news station. You have been sent to investigate a report of an unknown substance that has invaded your community. The substance alternately eats everything in its path while growing at a rapid rate, then shrinks back into a small blob. When you arrive at the scene, all that remains of the “Thing” is what you see now. You must report to
- **Time:** Part 1: You will have 4 minutes to record all the factual information about the “Thing” that you possibly can so your fellow citizens can be warned in time to combat its next growth spurt. You also must create a news report giving all the pertinent details and a plan for eradicating the menace from your town.
- Part 2: You will have 2 minutes to present your news report to your audience.
- **Materials:** Paper plate with “The Thing” magnifying glass plastic knife
paper pencil
- **Procedure:**
 - **Part 1:** (4 minutes) Using your five senses record all the information about the “Thing”. Formulate a plan to save the town from the “Thing”. Create a news report to warn your fellow citizens about the “Thing” and how to get rid of it.
 - **Part 2:** (2 minutes) You will have up to 2 minutes to present your news report.