

#### **14. Nutrient Cycle Discussion Questions**

Please have the following questions copied in your notes and answered in full sentences (based on your own nutrient cycle):

1. Use your own nutrient cycle to answer the following questions about **producers**:
  - a. Which components in your nutrient cycle are producers?
  - b. From which part of the cycle do they get their nutrients?
2. Use your own nutrient cycle to answer the following questions about **consumers**:
  - a. Which animals in your nutrient cycle are consumers?
  - b. From which part of the cycle do they get their nutrients?
3. What happens to the plants and animals when they die?
4. Why are the **decomposers** so important in the nutrient cycle?