



# Tarantula

### **Take a Stand**

Many people fear tarantulas. Maybe you were afraid of tarantulas before reading this book. Now that you know more about them, how would you explain why someone shouldn't fear tarantulas? Make a list of the scariest tarantula traits. Describe the purpose of each trait, and explain why you think it shouldn't be feared. Back up your opinions with facts from this book.



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### **Surprise Me**

Tarantulas are unusual and fascinating creatures. Some aspects of a tarantula's life can be quite surprising. Now that you've read the book, what two or three facts about tarantulas did you find the most surprising? Write a few sentences about each fact. Why did you find it surprising?



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### **You Are There**

This book discusses tarantulas that live in burrows as well as those that live in trees. Imagine that you are a tarantula. Describe the pros and cons of each living situation. How would hunting be different? Would there be different concerns when molting? What threats might exist in each living condition?



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### **Another View**

This book has a lot of information about how tarantulas are viewed around the world. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about tarantulas. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?