



# Wormania!

Live Worms & Song



## IN A NUTSHELL

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## SUBJECTS

Science

This video features the “Worm Woman” (Mary Appelhof), teaching “Billy B.” (Billy Brennan) and his family about the world of worms. Through photography and computer graphics, worms of North America and elsewhere in the world are shown and described. Worm reproduction, anatomy, feeding habits, and locomotion are explored, accented by four worm-related songs. Instructions for setting up a worm composting bin are given. A teaching guide includes a pre- and post-test with answers, learner outcomes, an index, and seven units covering different topics on the video.

Each unit lists the time code to the corresponding section of the video, key ideas, vocabulary, extension questions, exploration activities, and trivia questions about worms. Related activities and reading from Appelhof’s previous books are also cited.

<b>Grade Level</b>	3 & up
<b>Length</b>	video & teacher's guide
<b>Date Published</b>	1995

THE BOTTOM  
LINE

"Excellent photography of worm behavior and physiology is interpreted with acting and singing."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Provides accurate and detailed information.	All people shown in the video are middle-class Caucasians.
	Depth	Discusses worm biology, physiology, and the importance of worms to humans and the ecosystem.	
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Activities involve classification and measurement.	
	Action Orientation	Not Applicable.	
	Instructional Soundness	Provides cross-references to more complete curricula by the same author. Lists key ideas and defines important vocabulary.	Some children may be put off by the music and acting. Vocabulary is rather advanced for the targeted age group.
	Usability	Photography in video is very clear and precise.	Teacher's Guide is too small to photocopy.

"Thirteen-year-olds, I imagine, would not find this video 'cool'."

"Thorough coverage of worm composting."