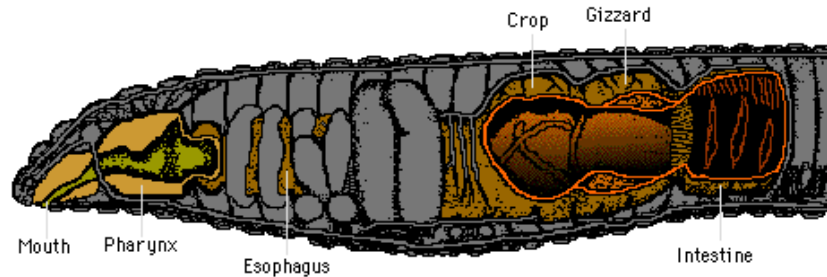


Red Worm Body Parts

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM



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Pharynx: I push my pharynx or throat out of my mouth to grab leaves and to pull them back into my mouth. Then I get them nice and wet with my saliva.

Esophagus: Once I have my food good and wet, I push it down my esophagus, then onto my crop.

Crop: My crop is a storage compartment for my food and other things I swallow. From the crop, my lunch goes to my gizzard.

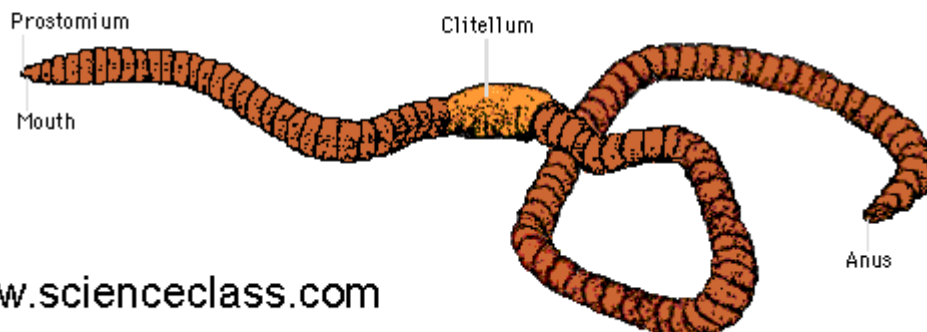
Gizzard: My gizzard is where the work happens. I use any stones that I've swallowed and the strong muscles of my gizzard to grind up the leaves. These muscles work almost like teeth.

Intestine: Once I have the leaves all ground up they move to my intestine where the digestive juices break them down even more.

Bloodstream: Now that the leaf is all digested, some of it will pass into my bloodstream.

Anus: Whatever is leftover comes out my anus as Castings or worm poop.

EXTERNAL ANATOMY



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