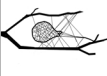
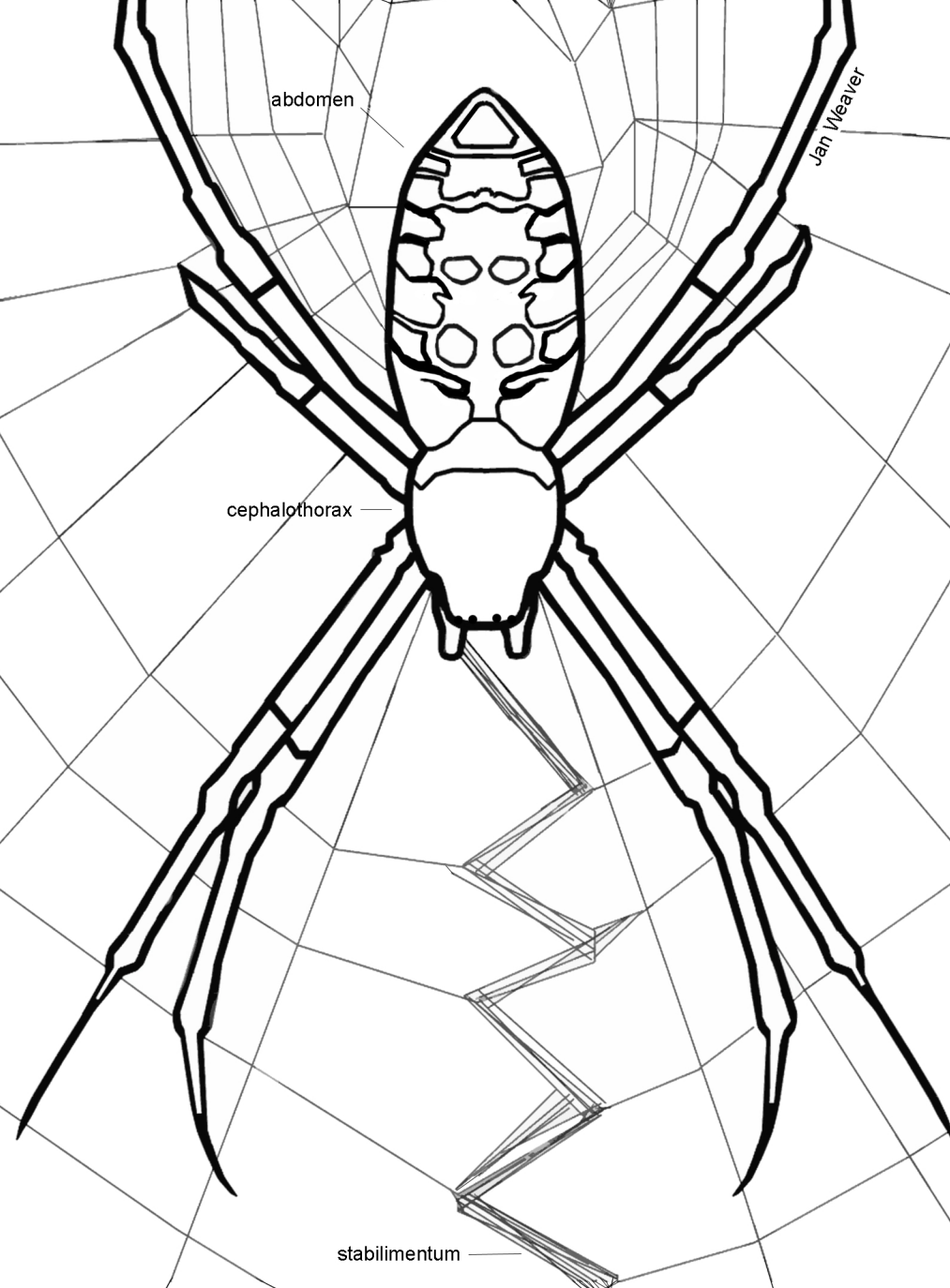
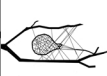
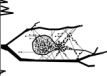

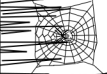




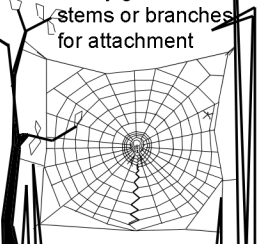



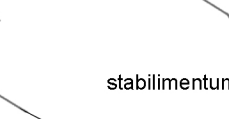
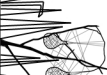











	January	<h1>Writing Spider</h1> <p><i>Argiope aurantia</i></p> <p>aka black & yellow garden spider, or corn spider</p> <p>Animalia > Arthropoda > Arachnida > Araneae > Araneidae</p>		<p>Animal Diversity Web - animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/accounts/Argiope-aurantia/</p> <p>Missouri Department of Conservation - mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/black-and-yellow-garden-spider</p>	
	February	 <p>abdomen</p> <p>cephalothorax</p> <p>stabilimentum</p> <p>Jan Weaver</p>		<p>Coloring Guide</p> <p>cephalothorax: silvery white abdomen: black with white spots above, yellow on sides legs: tan or yellow next to body, all black or black-banded to tips</p>	
	March			<p>Size</p> <p>female 19 mm (.75") to 28 mm (1.1") long (not including legs) male 5 mm (.2") to 9 mm (.35") long (not including legs) web up to 50 mm (2") in diameter</p>	
	April			<p>Interesting Facts</p> <p>The name "Writing Spider" comes from the zig zag (the "stabilimentum") the spider puts in her web. The function is still not known. Also, the male is much smaller than the female.</p>	
	May			<p>What eats Writing Spiders</p> <p>mice, coyotes, foxes, skunks, grassland song birds and sparrows, lizards, toads, wasps</p>	
	June			<p>North American Distribution</p> 	<p>Missouri Distribution</p> 
	July			<p>Habitat (home/food/water)</p> <p>grasslands, meadows, fields, railroad and road edges and waste areas</p> 	<p>Home</p> <p>sturdy grass stems or branches for attachment</p> 
	August			<p>What Writing Spiders eat</p> <p>mainly grasshoppers, but also wasps, bees, bugs, beetles and anything else that gets into the web and is small enough to overpower</p>	
	September			<p>North American Distribution</p> 	<p>Missouri Distribution</p> 
	October			<p>North American Distribution</p>  <p>  winter  summer </p>	<p>Missouri Distribution</p> 
	November			<p>Habitat (home/food/water)</p> <p>grasslands, meadows, fields, railroad and road edges and waste areas</p> 	<p>Home</p> <p>sturdy grass stems or branches for attachment</p> 
	December	<p>North American Distribution</p>  <p>  winter  summer </p>	<p>Missouri Distribution</p> 