



NATURE JOURNAL

Use this nature journal to practice drawing and writing in response to observations you make in nature.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

LOCATION: _____

TIME STARTED: _____

TIME ENDED: _____

SUNRISE TIME: _____

SUNSET TIME: _____

WEATHER: _____

TEMPERATURE: _____

As you write in your nature journal, you have to remember that as a scientist you need to record your observations carefully! Take your time as you complete this activity. Make notes about colour, smell, shape, sound, and size. Carefully label your drawings.



TREES, TREES EVERYWHERE

Go outside and find a tree that you like. What type of tree is it (e.g., maple, pine, birch)? Is it deciduous or evergreen? Are there others like it around? Where did you find it? How tall/wide is it? Draw the tree and its surroundings. Fill in your drawing with notes and observations about the scene.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Look for an animal! It can be a bird, chipmunk, dragonfly, butterfly—anything you want! What are they doing? Observe them for a few minutes. Make a sketch of what you see and describe what you think they are doing.



SOUNDS IN SILENCE

Find a spot outside to sit and close your eyes. Listen to the sounds of nature. What do you hear? Are these common sounds that you hear? How do these sounds make you feel?

LEAF POWER

Find a leaf on the ground and place it under this page. Rub your pencil over this page so you can see an outline of the leaf! Do you know the name of the tree your leaf is from?



THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Find a grassy spot in the yard to lie down and look up at the sky. What do the clouds look like? Sketch what you see.

Can you name the types of clouds?

Cirrus are wispy, thin clouds.

Cumulus are fluffy clouds.

Stratus clouds are flat clouds that cover the sky like a blanket.

Cumulonimbus clouds are big, dark, puffy clouds that usually cause thunderstorms.