

ID & OBSERVATION WALK

Practice noticing the small things/details of nature creating connection to the nature around you.

BIG IDEAS

- Practice observation skills
- Use Seek app as a community science tool to record and identify nature.
- Share/express personal connection/impacts on nature.

ACTIVITY

Preparation:

- Download the Seek app and make yourself familiar with the app's functions.
- Choose a location to walk and observe. You could look at small living things and not wander far or look at larger and travel farther.

Instructions:

1. Pick a location for your observation walk. Think about spending 20+ minutes observing and recording what life you see around you. Look under logs, leaves, rocks, in grass etc.
2. Record and enter your observations into the app (or record on paper/journal, making sure to include details and descriptions).

REFLECTION

1. Review and reflect on your observations and identifications.
2. Express how you felt connected from the nature you discovered.
3. Post your reflection in the online classroom and explore others' connections.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

- Find a living thing to focus on and take detailed scientific drawings of the living thing. Try to draw it as proportionally accurate as possible, draw detailed parts of their body separately such as a close-up of a leg or petal.
- Describe the area you found it in and what else was in its habitat.

MATERIALS

- ✓ Phone/tablet
- ✓ Seek App
- ✓ Magnifying glass (opt.)
- ✓ Paper & pencil