Nature Journal

Scientists keep track of their notes in journals just like this one! Practice your observation skills and keep track of the amazing plant and animal neighbors you meet as you explore the nature near you.

Materials

Pencil, pen, crayons, or colored pencils  
Print-out templates (pages 3-6)  
Optional: Staples

Directions

1. **Print out** the template pages (pages 3-6). Pages 4-6 are the pages of your journal, so print out more copies of these pages as you'd like. Print single or double sided.

2. **Fold** your pages in half along the dotted line, and put the cover page (page 3) on the outside of the filler pages (pages 4-6).

3. **Optional: Staple** the pages together.

4. **Explore** the outdoors with your Nature Journal and a writing implement! You can find living things in backyards, parks, or even city sidewalks. Consider bringing along:
   a. An adult
   b. Warm clothes
   c. Sunscreen
   d. Water bottle
   e. Camera, magnifying glass, or binoculars
Date: 2/22/21  Weather: Sunny
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Golden Gate Park

Draw your observations here:

Date: 2/23/21  Weather:
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: sidewalk

Draw your observations here:

A pinecone

This is as big as... my hand
I notice... it is bumpy. There are big scales and small scales.
I wonder... Do animals live inside? a hedgehog
It reminds me of...

This is as big as... a bottle cap
I notice... there are lots of yellow petals
I wonder... how it gets water
It reminds me of... the sun
My name is: _____________________________________
I live in: _________________________________________

Draw yourself above. Add animals and plants if you'd like!