

# my piece of the neighborhood

Scientists observe their world and record their data in notebooks and journals.

We know about the adventures of Lewis and Clark by their books. What about the voyages of Columbus or the experiments of daVinci?

These notebooks and journals allow us to enter into their world and examine their work.

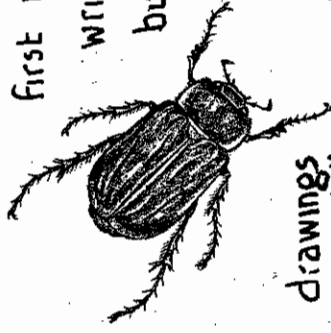
Entries in your journal should include

- **date** - establishes the season and month
- **place** - how is this area similar to other areas? how is it different?
- **time** - real time, early morning, late afternoon
- **weather** - weather conditions affect what goes on with most living things



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First impressions are very important. Write down not only what you see, but also write down what you hear and smell.



drawings are really important • label everything • give size measurements

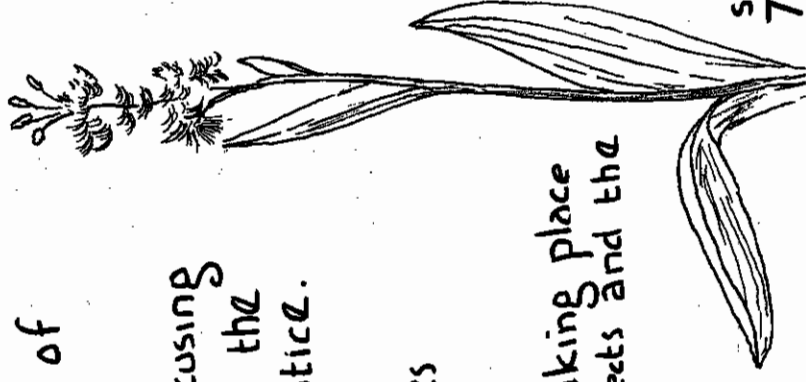
Observing is at the center of making a journal

The more you practice focusing and making observations the more things you will notice.

look for

- holes chewed in leaves
- animal tracks
- lost feathers
- events that are taking place
- sounds of birds, insects and the wind.

look beyond your door and into the world around you



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