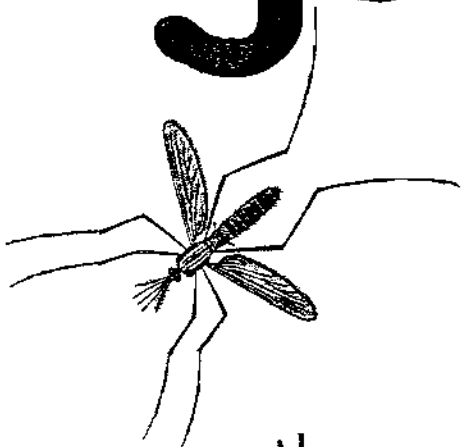


# Field



# Journal



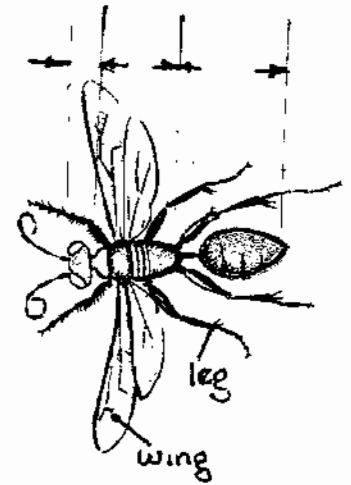
How can a "bug" save the farm?

name \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_

what is the purpose of this journal?

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

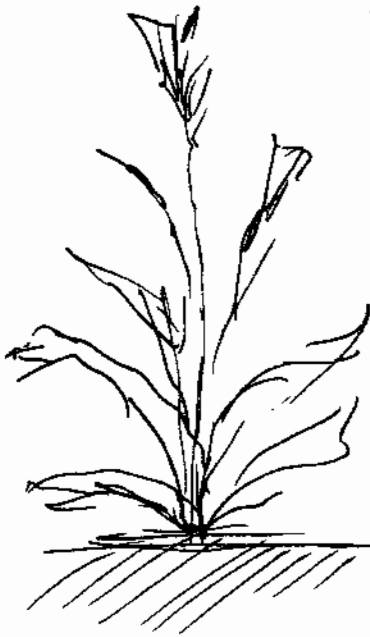
We know about the adventures of Lewis and Clark by their books. What about the voyages of Columbus or the experiments of da Vinci?



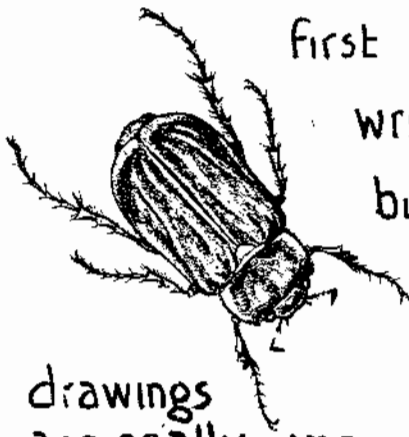
These notebooks and journals allow us to enter into their world and examine their work.

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

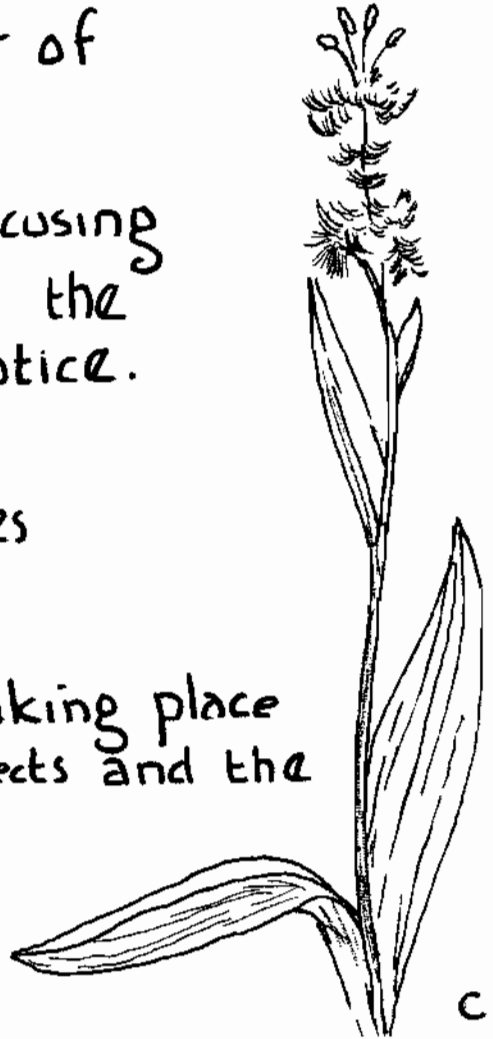
Observing is at the center of  
making a journal

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



c

date \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_

weather conditions

temperature	cloud cover		
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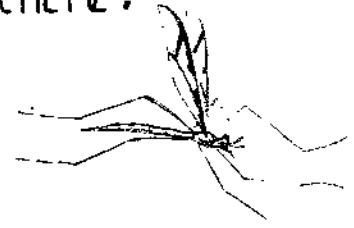
describe your surroundings:

draw pictures of the plants that you see today.

notes:

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What animals/insects can be found at your study site? how do you know they are there?



How do you think this site will change over time? (summer, fall, winter, spring)

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something to remember: your journal tells the story of the natural history of your site/area e

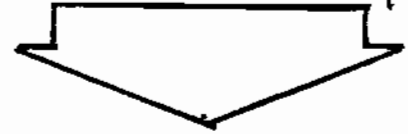
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weather conditions

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describe your surroundings

draw a map



notes:

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Journalists foster creative and analytic writing



± shapes and color show details of your observations



∴ Journals can tell about the days events

