

Observing Like a Scientist and an Artist

Sometimes there is a whole world to explore right in front of us, ways to stimulate our brain and examine our surroundings that we've never thought about before. With that idea in mind, let's make new discoveries by observing like a scientist and an artist!

Go outside in your backyard and find a leaf.

Take a look at that leaf, No REALLY LOOK, take a deep breath and look at it from all sides. What do you notice about it? Write down what you see.

What is its texture?

What is its shape?

What is its color?

Are the edges smooth or ridged?

Can you identify what type of tree/plant it came from?

Look at where the leaf came from. Is it in the sun? The shade?

Has anyone nibbled on that or other leaves?

What are the roots of the plant like?

What other kinds of plants are around?

Is the soil moist or dry?

What color is the soil?

What day did you collect this leaf?

What is the weather like?

Draw the leaf! Don't forget to add the veins.

After you discover your leaf, take a photo and share it with us if you like. [Tweet](#) it at us! [Gram](#) it our way! Put it on [Facebook](#)! Tag us with #couchreach (that's outreach from your couch)!

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