

# Create a Nature Journal

Scientists use their five senses to make observations about the natural world. What will you observe on your arthropod exploration? Choose from the journal prompts below as you discover the fascinating critters around you.

## Arthropod Exploration Journal Prompts:

*Taking a hike from the perspective of an ant is a good way to see a space differently and learn about others' viewpoints.*

- *What would you see?*
- *What would you hear?*

*Imagine you are at a park picnic. Describe the picnic from an ant's point of view.*

*If you had to be an arthropod, which would you choose and why?*

*What would be the best and worst part of being an arthropod?*

*Would an arthropod make a good pet? What would you need to take care of it?*

*What makes arthropods so incredible?*

*Tell a story about a nature walk you have experienced.*

*Write a story about an arthropod rescue from the arthropod's point of view.*

*While you are outside, pause for a moment in a place that feels comfortable.*

- *What do you see?*
- *What do you hear?*

## Materials:

Paper

Cardboard

Scissors

Glue Stick

Sting

Tape

Envelope

Decorations

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## How to:



1. Gather your materials and select a workspace. Use newspaper or some kind of table covering for your workspace. Ask an adult for assistance if you need some help.



2. Cut cardboard to the size of the paper. We used 8 1/2 X 11 copy paper.



3. Fold paper in half and use it to mark the middle of the cardboard. Draw a line if it is helpful.



4. You may need an adult's help with this part. Using the scissors, score (press down) but do not cut on the line you marked. Use the scored line to bend the cardboard and you have the cover for your nature journal.



5. Decorate your cover. Get creative. Use paint, crayons, markers, stickers, whatever you have available.



6. Glue back of the envelope and press on the inside back cover with the top of the envelope facing in. Tape three sides of the envelope to the back of the cover. You now have a secret pocket to store leaves, etc., that you might find!



7. Fold 8-10 pieces of paper in half, matching corners together. Flatten the paper and place it inside the cover.



8. Using about 2 feet of string, wrap around the center of the journal and tie. Your journal is complete.