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## Specimen Observation Sheet

A specimen is a plant, animal, fossil, or other natural object that can be used for scientific display or research. Find a specimen to observe in any exhibit.

Exhibit Name: \_\_\_\_\_



### Observe the specimen.

What do you notice about its size, color, shape, or texture?



### Draw the specimen:

What details are important to draw and label on the specimen?



### What do you think?

What do the details you noticed about this specimen tell you about its place in its habitat?



### Talk with a partner:

What interested you in this specimen?

What is the most unique thing about this specimen?

Does this specimen remind you of something you've seen before?  
It may have been something you've seen in school, on T.V, in a book, or around your community.

