

JUNIOR HISTORIANS

Exploring Like a Scientist



Instructions

Scientists explore the world around us to learn more about nature. They often collect **specimens**, or individual animals, plants, pieces of a mineral or rock, etc., to display in a museum for all to see. By studying specimens, we learn more about the natural world around us.

To explore like a scientist, head into your backyard (or a nearby green space) to see what you can find! As you search, look for rocks, leaves, sticks, bugs, etc. For each specimen you find, log it using the chart below and make sure you have permission before you decide to “collect” the specimen.

Once you have collected all your specimens, give them meaning by creating an display case or exhibit, such as the ones described by [Luci Creative](#), and share it with your family and friends!

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| Name of the specimen: Date the specimen was collected: | Draw your specimen. |
| Tell us about the specimen. Where did you find it? What does it look/feel/etc. like? | Look your specimen up online or at the Library. What else can you find about it? |