



Open-Sky
School

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ENGLISH



Activity

Creative Writing Inspired by Nature

MATERIALS

Lined notebooks and pencils for each student

DURATION

50 MINUTES

Activity Summary

This activity invites students to write a personal journal in which they will record their ideas, observations and questions inspired by nature. The goal of this activity is to encourage students to record their thoughts about nature as they come to mind.

Preparation

Make sure the floor is not too wet, as students will be sitting on the ground. If necessary, place a mat or blanket on the ground for students to sit on. The activity takes place individually and silently. It is best to choose a tranquil place outdoors where students have the opportunity to explore their thoughts and surroundings.



Steps

- A.** **At the park or in a wooded area, tell students:**
- This activity involves keeping a personal journal where you will write down your ideas, emotions and questions inspired by the nature around you.

- B.** **Ask students:**
What does inspiration mean to you?

Here is a definition you can share with students:

- Inspiration is an influence placed on an author in a creative process. In this activity, your inspiration will come from nature.

- C.** **Writing the journal**
Tell students:

- Write down what goes through your head when you open yourself to nature. What do you see? Do you hear birds? Smell a flower. Do you like its smell?
- Touch the trees and grass, feel how it is both rough and smooth.
- Describe your experience interacting with nature in your notebook.
- You can move around to make new discoveries.



RETURN
TO GROUP

Ask students:

- Who would like to share their ideas?
- What were your sources of inspiration?
- What forms of writing did your interactions with nature inspire?:
 - a story,
 - observations,
 - a reflection on your emotions,
 - any questions ,
 - a letter you want to send to someone,
 - a post on social media, etc.

REINVESTMENT:

You can repeat this activity several times to stimulate the creative process for students. You can modify the goal of this activity, such as by asking students to take inspiration from nature to formulate complex sentences and practice writing using plural nouns and relative pronouns.

You can re-do this activity and choose a creative writing theme, such as wild plants or taking a walk in the park.