

# Activity: Field Journals

Researchers take special care to record information about specimens and objects they observe or collect. Without proper documentation, a specimen is far less valuable to scientists. One way scientists record information is with a

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## Using a Field Journal

Scientists use field journals to record what they find, observe, and collect. They often include sketches, diagrams, observations, and questions. A field journal helps you remember details and identify patterns over time.

There are many ways to keep a field journal. Some scientists record their observations with charts and lists, while others write long, detailed descriptions. You can sketch simple pencil drawings, paint colorful images, or draw maps or diagrams. You can write everything on one page, or divide it into multiple pages.

Your field journal will be unique, reflecting your personal style. Experiment with different methods to find out what works for you!

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