ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CARDS





AWARENESS & EXPERIENCE

JOURNEY STICKS AE5



ACTIVITY

Objective and outcomes:

- Create a connection with the natural environment through collection of mementos
- Produce a physical record of a journey to enable review, reflection and story

Outline:

- Introduce the activity by showing a pre-prepared journey stick
- Group enjoy a walk through a natural area (woodland, beach or moorland etc)
 Encourage group to look for interesting places or objects that they would like to
- Near the start of the journey, individuals should pick up an attractive stick which will become their journey stick
- Along the journey individuals collect items and bind them to the stick with brightly coloured lengths of wool
- At the end of the walk they use their stick to review the journey they have made

REVIEW & EVALUATION

- In pairs, young people take it in turns to share their journey story using their sticks as prompts
- Can someone else describe 'your' journey from your journey stick?

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An example of a completed stick

Blue wool/ribbon - means pond

Leaf - means a beech tree

Yellow wool - for bright flowers

Pine cones found on the ground

Blue wool/ribbon - this time means a stream

Pebbles - held in a bag, footpath

Green wool/ribbon - means a wood

Rusty hinge - from a pile of rubbish

Some old keys found - 'we are home'

LEADER'S NOTES

Preparation

- Choose a suitable walk
- Prepare materials for binding items to the stick
- Provide sticks if necessary

Resources

- Coloured wool
- Scissors
- Bags for collecting if journey sticks are to be made at the end of the walk

References

http://www.snh.org.uk/teachingspace/whattodo/seashoresand/journey_sticks.asp http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Teachers-TV-Journey-sticks-6048401/

DIFFERENTIATION & PROGRESSION

- Group can devise their own walk
- How else could you describe/record a journey?
- Link to travel journals, maps and other ways of recording journeys, such as Aboriginal song lines and modern day video logs
- Create their own video log
- Consider journeying through time, e.g. a stick that represents their genealogy

















