



Tree Journal

Name _____

Date _____

Class _____

Instructions:

Use this form as a guideline as you identify and describe your tree species. Include plenty of detail for each category! Look in a field guide for examples of how a naturalist describes a tree so that others can identify it later.

Your profession (assigned by your teacher): _____

Species name (common): _____

Species name (Latin): _____

Location (Give enough detail so that someone else could find the tree): _____

Description of the tree's overall form: _____

Description of the tree's branching pattern (i.e. opposite, alternate): _____

Bark rubbing:

Place the box at right over a portion of the tree's trunk. Use the side (not the point) of a dull pencil or crayon to rub gently over the box. An image of the bark's texture should appear.



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Description of the bark (e.g. flaky, smooth, blocky, etc.): _____

Description of the leaves: _____

Description of the seeds and flowers (if available): _____

What more would your profession want to know about this tree? _____

Draw a sketch of the tree. Label as many parts as you can, including at least the parts that you wrote about above.

Staple or tape a leaf, twig, and seed (if you can) to this page.