

# Nature Journal Set-Up

Set up your Nature Journals as a way to record your findings over time.

## What should be observed in Kilo?

- **Kilo observations should be taken from the same place, at around the same time.** To get started, aim to have students make their observation entries at least 1 time per week (more if possible).
- **Knowledge gathering happens with the senses.** Unlike scientific observation, where you might start with a question and observations will help to answer that question, kilo observations tap into the senses and strengthen the relationship between the person and nature.
  - See, hear, smell, taste, feel
- **Knowledge gathering notes one's surroundings.**
  - Date
  - Time
  - Place
  - Weather (temperature, wind, etc.)
  - Position of the sun
  - [Moon cycle](#)

Journal entry template:

Side 1 - Observe	Side 2 - Connect
<i>Date, Time, Place</i>	<i>Based on today's kilo, how would you go about answering your "wondering"?</i>
<i>Weather</i>	
<i>Position of the Sun</i>	
<i>Moon Cycle (optional)</i>	<i>What type of connections do you think exist between humans and what you observed?</i>
<i>What do I...</i>	
<i>See</i>	
<i>Hear</i>	
<i>Smell</i>	
<i>Taste</i>	
<i>Feel</i>	<i>● Include a visual that represents today's observation ●</i>
<i>I WONDER....</i>	

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.4 Write**

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**HCPPS III Fine Arts Standards - Visual Arts Benchmark FA.1.1.1**

Use various types of art media

**HCPPS III Fine Arts Standards - Visual Arts Benchmark FA.1.1.5**

Use familiar subjects and experiences to create original works of art

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.7 Research Projects**

Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.

**MS-ESS3-3. Human Impacts on Earth's Systems**

Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.