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MAKING OBSERVATIONS

Observation is an important skill for scientists and people who care for our forests and grasslands. Find a safe place outside to sit for five minutes. Use words and drawings to describe your experience.

Date: _____ Location: _____

Weather (circle all that apply):



WINDY



RAINY



SUNNY



SNOWY



CLOUDY

I see...

I hear...

I smell...

I feel...



What would change if you did this activity during a different season or time of day?
What would stay the same?



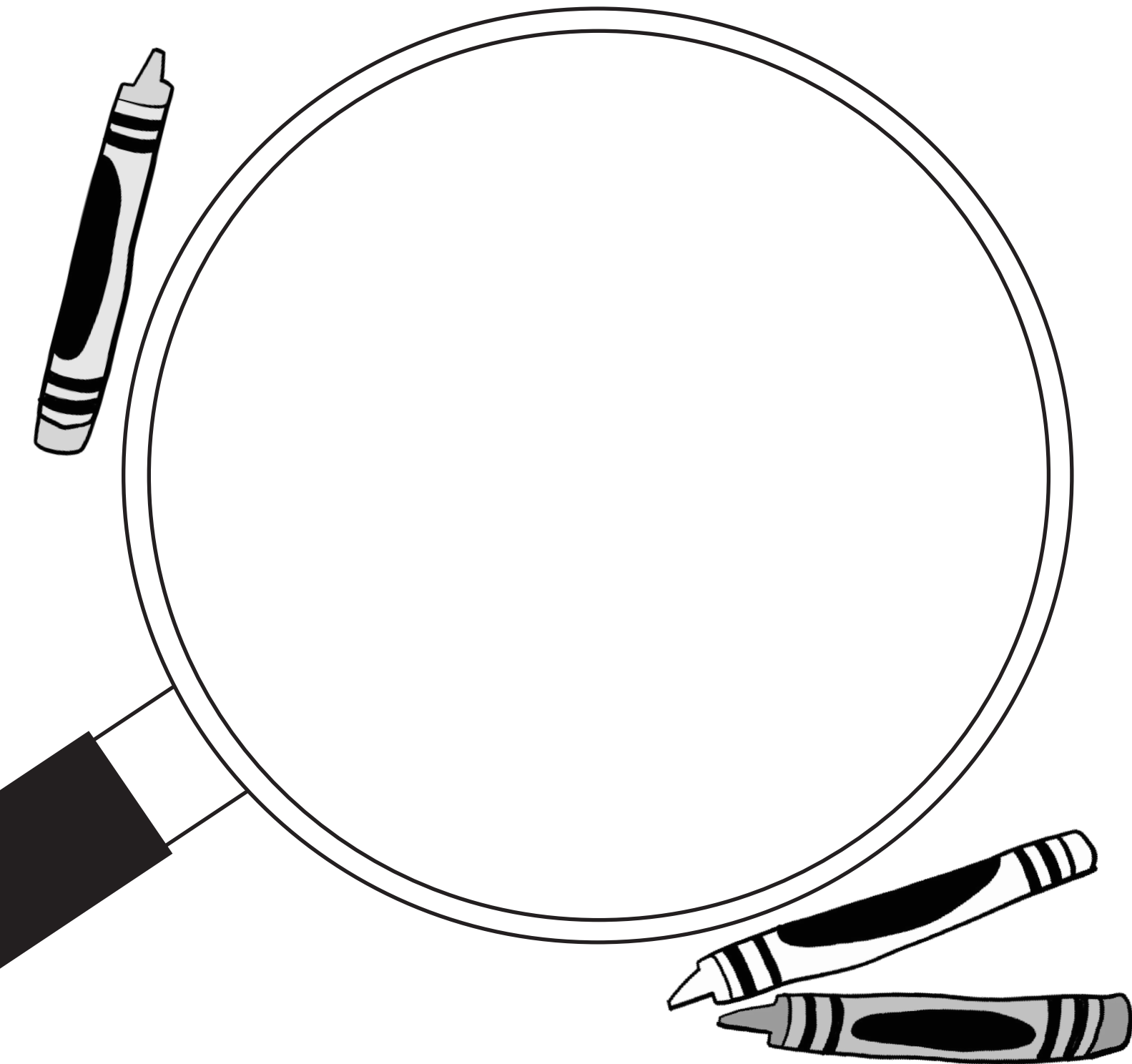
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ZOOMING IN: Use a hand lens or magnifying glass to look even closer!



1. Choose an object you want to investigate. It could be a leaf, a rock, or a stick.
2. Bring the lens close to your eye, so it touches the bridge of your nose.
3. Bring the object you chose close to the hand lens.
4. Draw your observations below.



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