

Writing Mind Map

Student Nature Journal Sheet

Name: _____

Use the mind map below to write about the 3 visits you made to the refuge during this school year. First, choose a topic about your visits--like the favorite thing you learned! Then tell how you discovered more about it in each season.

Examples - "I discovered the refuge is beautiful in every season."
"I was surprised to find evidence of birds in all three seasons."
"My favorite habitat to explore was the wetlands."

Topic Sentence:

Write a sentence about fall that relates to your topic.

Fall:

Write a sentence about winter that relates to your topic.

Winter:

Write a sentence about spring that relates to your topic.

Spring:

Restate your topic in a new way.

Conclusion:

If you finish early, ask for paper and pencils or crayons to draw a picture to go with your sentences.

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Example Sheet

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Invite the Reader: Have you ever watched a plant change before your very eyes?

Topic Sentence: Well, I have! During my three visits to the refuge, I saw almost the entire plant lifecycle.

Fall: In the fall, I learned about a mint plant called bergamot. To my surprise, when my teacher shook the plant, tiny, black seeds came out!

Winter: In the winter, the mint plant no longer had seeds because they had fallen and spread. The stem felt dry and hollow.

Spring: On my last visit, in the spring, I returned to the same plant, and when I got down on my hands and knees, I found new leaves sprouting from the bottom.

Conclusion: To conclude, I was surprised that I could find a plant turn from seed, to dead, to living again. I hope to see its flower in the summer!