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# FIELD TRIP SPECIMEN OBSERVATION GUIDE



A *specimen* is an animal, plant, mineral, fossil, or other natural object that is used for display or research.

## Observe the specimen.

What do you notice about its shape, color, size, or texture?

## Create a diagram.

What details are important to draw and label?

## Infer - what do you think?

What do the characteristics you noticed about the specimen tell you about its place in the environment?

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## Talk to a partner:

Why did you choose to study this specimen?

Does this specimen remind you of something you have seen in your neighborhood, school, or home? If so, what?