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?

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?