

## WHAT DO YOU USE TREES FOR?

Tree: Paper Birch

Scientific Name: *Betula Papyrifera*

Tree# & Location:

Age: Sapling (8-11)

To do before starting this activity: Read "Tell Me, Tree".

Your task is to make a bark rubbing of the Paper Birch, then brainstorm and create a list of how we can use this bark in the world today.

Activity:

- Make sure you have "Tell Me, Tree" with you while doing this activity.
- Find the Paper Birch outside of the McCarthy Arts Center.
- Tape a blank sheet of paper to the bark.
- With your favorite crayon, rub the paper hard enough so you get the texture of the bark on it.
- Once you have finished, look at the book "Tell Me, Tree" and find what you can about the uses of trees.
- Brainstorm 5 uses for the Paper Birch tree. These uses can be from the book or ones you thought of on your own.
- List these 5 uses on your lined paper.

Materials:

- "Tell Me, Tree" by Gail Gibbons
- Crayons
- Blank and Lined Paper
- Tape
- Pencil

Approximate Time: 20 Minutes

### HEY! DID YOU KNOW:

In the old days, the Native Americans used the bark of the Paper Birch to make baskets, storage containers, mats, baby carriers and canoes?

Info from:

<http://www.rook.org/earl/bwca/nature/trees/betulapap.html>

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