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### Materials:

Glue

Construction Paper

Scissors

Crayons

“Trees” by Harry Behn

*Tell Me, Trees* by Gail Gibbons



### Activity:

- \* First observe the tree.
- \* Then draw the tree you are looking at.
- \* After you finish your drawing, read the poem “Trees” by Harry Behn. This poem will help you think about the tree’s environment, which is the place it lives.
- \* Look at your tree again. Is the tree alone? Are there other trees near it? Is it sunny or shady around the tree?
- \* Now use your senses (touch, smell, etc.) to get to know the tree better.  
Ex.) Does the tree smell? How does the bark feel?
- \* After you get to know the tree better, go back to your picture and draw things that you might have forgotten the first time.
- \* Glue on to your drawing things from the environment or things that make this tree special, like berries and sticks.
- \* Look to see if there are any animals near the tree or living in the tree. Draw the animals in your picture.
- \* When you are done you will have a picture of your tree, things that make it special, and its environment.
- \* Talk with an adult about how trees and their environments are important to the world.
- \* At home or school, read *Tell Me, Tree* by Gail Gibbons to learn more about trees, their environments and why they are important!