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## TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

Age: Sapling

Serviceberry Tree

Tree Location \_\_\_\_\_



### Materials:

*Tell Me, Tree* by Gail Gibbons

Magnifying glass

Paper

Crayons

Pencil



### Activity:

- \* Observe the tree and the leaves it has.
- \* Next, take a leaf from the tree that has fallen on the ground. Draw the leaf you found. Make sure to include the characteristics that you think are important in your picture.
- \* After you draw your leaf, read *Tell Me, Tree* by Gail Gibbons. While reading, pay close attention to the section in the book that discusses leaves (pg. 18). Think about the leaf you found and the drawing you made when reading this section. Is there anything that the pictures of leaves in the book have that you might not have in your drawing?
- \* Once you finish reading, take a closer look at your leaf. Use a magnifying glass to help you in this process.
- \* After you examine your leaf create another drawing. This time draw exactly what you see. Make sure to include the things that you could not see before, without a magnifying glass. Include things such as, veins or insect damage in the second drawing.
- \* Now that you have finished the second drawing you can compare the two.
- \* Compare the differences and similarities in the two drawings you made. Write down at least three differences between the drawings.
- \* At home or at school you can look at leaves from all different types of trees. Use a magnifying glass to help you compare the leaves. You could even collect the different leaves and make a leaf book!