

## Sugar Maple Tree



Photo by Matt Hajdun

Did you know the Sugar Maple tree is Vermont's State tree? Sugar Maples have a "U" shaped sinus, and the neighboring tree, the Norway Maple, has a V shaped one. The sinus is the space between the lobes on the leaf. In addition, if you pull a leaf off the Norway Maple, there is white residue on the stem and not on the Sugar Maple.

### Activity for Seedlings Bark Rubbing Poem

#### Materials:

- Crayons
- White Paper
- Marker
- Lined paper
- Tell Me, Tree by Gail Gibbons
- A Tree for All Seasons by Robin Bernard
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Before you begin, read Tell Me, Tree and A Tree for All Seasons.

#### Procedure:

- Take a crayon or two and a white piece of paper to the tree.
- Hold paper against tree bark and rub the crayon on the top half of the paper.
- Look at the tree.
- Take deep breaths and smell the tree.
- Look at the colors of the tree.
- On some line paper, write a poem using the Pattern provided.
- Line 1: Describe the color of the tree (or makes you think about).
- Line 2: Describe how you THINK it would taste or how it would taste to an animal.
- Line 3: Describe what the tree sounds like.
- Line 4: Describe what the tree smells like.
- Line 5: Describe what the tree looks like.
- Line 6: Describe how the tree feels (or makes you feel).

Attach the lined paper to the bottom half of the bark rubbing and glue the whole paper on a piece of colorful construction paper.