

RAFT IDEAS

Topics: Journaling,
Bookmaking, Observing

Materials List

- ✓ Paper bag
- ✓ White candle
- ✓ Colored crayons
- ✓ Thick rubber band
- ✓ Matte board
- ✓ Hole punch
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Iron
- ✓ Twig
- ✓ Newspapers

This activity can be used to support the teaching of:

- Write opinions and narratives (Common Core English Language Arts Standards: Writing, Grades K-5, 1; Grades K-8, 3)
- Write with organization & development (Common Core English Language Arts Standards: Writing, Grades 3-8, Writing, 4)
- Experiment w/ forms, structures & materials (National Visual Arts Standards: Creating, Grades K-8)

Camp or Bust!

Journals for Day or Overnight Camps



Assembly

1. Start with pre-printed or blank pages for the book pages. Half sheets work best with this bookmaking method.
2. Cut a piece out of the paper bag for the front cover, 14 cm x 21 cm (5½" x 8½") works well, and cut a same sized piece of matte board for the back cover.
3. Decorate paper bag cover (front cover) with crayon drawings; darker crayons will show up better.
4. Rub the paper bag cover all over with a white candle.
5. Crumple up the cover and smooth it out 20 – 30 times.
6. Lay newspaper out on a smooth surface. Put the waxed paper bag cover on the newspaper and then cover with another sheet of newspaper.
7. Iron the newspaper and paper bag cover stack with a warm iron using a back and forth motion for about 30 seconds or until the wax melts into the cover. Let cool.
8. Punch 2 holes for the binding of the book through the covers and pages. Punch 2 holes for the binding of the book through the covers and pages.
9. Bind the book together using the rubber band and twig. Thread one end of the rubber band through a hole and loop it around the twig. Thread the other end of the rubber band through the second hole and secure into place by also looping it around the twig.

Inside the journal

Journals can be made with blank or pre-printed pages. Subject headings, directions or open-ended questions can be added to a page to give students a good start on their journaling. On the backside of this page are some examples of journal pages. If pre-printed pages are used, add a few blank ones at the end for them to be creative with.

Taking it Further

Many different materials can be substituted for the covers. Make the back cover out of a firm material to provide students with a suitable writing surface.

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=24 for more resources!)

<p>This journal belongs to:</p> <p>My camp name is:</p> <p>I received my camp name from:</p> <p>On:</p> <p>Because:</p>	<p>MY FIRST DAY AT CAMP</p> <p>Event name:</p> <p>Today's date:</p> <p>How I traveled here:</p> <p>Who traveled with me:</p> <p>Things I did the first day:</p> <p>How I felt the first day:</p> <p>New people I met on the first day:</p>
<p>Favorite Activity</p> <p>I liked:</p> <p>Because:</p> <p>Other favorite activities:</p>	<p>The best food at camp was...</p> <p>The worst food at camp was...</p>
<p>MY CABIN/TENT</p> <p>Name of my cabin/tent:</p> <p>Number of campers in my cabin/tent</p> <p>Things I like about my cabin/tent</p> <p>Things I didn't like about my cabin/tent</p>	<p>One thing I loved about camp...</p> <p>One thing I hated about camp...</p> <p>One new thing I did at camp...</p>
<p>Notes from friends</p>	<p>MY NOTES</p>
<p>CRAYON RUBBINGS</p>	<p>My friends and their camp names</p>
<p>NAME AND FAVORITE ANIMAL AND COLOR OF EACH PERSON IN MY CABIN/TENT</p>	<p>Who slept where (draw a diagram)</p>
<p>AUTOGRAPHS</p>	<p>ADDRESSES</p>