



Big Woods, Big Leaves Nature Exploration

Name: _____

Explore the **deciduous forest biome** of Minnesota through examining specimens of plants and animals!

Vocabulary

Deciduous Forest: A forest in which trees lose their leaves during autumn.

Biome: A large community of plants and animals defined by environmental conditions

Specimen: An animal, mineral, or plant that is used for research or study



Minnesota's Deciduous Forest biome runs through the middle of the state.

Activity

Find an animal **specimen** that lives in the deciduous forest, then answer the questions in each box.

Observe the Specimen

What do you notice about it? (Color, shape, Size)

Create a Diagram

What details are important to draw or label?

What do you think?

What do the characteristics you noticed tell you about its place in the environment?

Share with a partner your observations!

What are some differences between their animal and yours?

Bonus

Find a leaf from a **deciduous** tree and draw it.