



Northwoods Nature Exploration



Name: _____

What are the Northwoods? The Northwoods extend over the Northeast part of Minnesota. They make up what is known as the **coniferous** forest **biome**. Explore specimens of the many plants and animals live in the Northwoods to learn more.

Vocabulary

Coniferous Forest: A Coniferous Forest contains evergreen trees that have needles and produce cones.

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

Activity

Find a **specimen** that lives in the Northwoods, 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!