Identity Sculpture

Overview

There are so many things that make you YOU. In this adventure, we’ll use nature items to create a sculpture that describes your personality!

Gear

- Writing utensil
- Bag or Basket for collecting items (optional)
- Camera (optional)

Step 1

Our identities are unique - different from everyone else’s on the planet! What is a special quality about yourself? What makes you, YOU? Write down 5 words that describe you:

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Step 2

Walk across the Wilcox Footbridge to the Pinetum. Along the way, begin collecting items that are dead, down, and detached. Which of these will help you tell your personal story?

_Pro tip:_ Talk to your adult about which items are safe to collect, and would be least damaging to the plants at the Arboretum. Try out the 3Ds activity for some ideas!

Step 3

Let’s get building! Find a spot in the pinetum (off the trail, please) where you would like to create. Refer back to the qualities that describe you, and start thinking about how you would communicate those through your sculpture. Once you have some ideas, start using your items to build. Give yourself at least 20 minutes so you have time to really get creative!

Step 4

Time to share! Participate in a “Gallery Walk” where everyone visits each adventurer’s sculpture. Share a bit about why you made your artwork this way, and how it relates to the story of who you are.

Capture your identity sculpture with a camera before deconstructing it. Scatter the items back through the area so that other people and animals can use them later on.

_Build on:_ Why is it valuable or important for people to be unique?

_Take it home:_ What did you learn about your friends/family?