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# Family Worksheet for 3rd-5th Grade: Winter at The Battery

NOTE: Remember to print a map and bring it with you on your adventure!

As you move to the different areas of the park, fill in the questions for that area.

Ask a friend or family member for help if you get stuck!



#### In the Labyrinth

Some animals migrate or hibernate to survive the cold winters, but many stay in the city and face the challenge of finding food and shelter to survive the harsh weather. Can you find the following evidence of animal activity?



Animal tracks on the ground



Woodpecker holes



Squirrel's nest in a tree



Birds eating winter berries

## ////// On the Farm

Once the cold of winter hits, most of the plants on the farm die and start decomposing, turning into compost that will make the soil healthy for future plants. During this process, the plants get eaten by fungi, bacteria, and invertebrates. Can you find these signs of decomposition in the garden?



Dead, dried up plant stalks



Leaves with spots made by fungi



Wood mulch that is damp, soft, and easy to break

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**BATTERY** 

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Many of the trees here in the Bosque are London Planetrees, known for their distinct bark pattern. Using your skills of observation, draw a picture of one of these trees so that a friend or family member will be able to guess correctly the exact tree that you drew. You'll need to use specific details for them to identify the tree, so think beyond the bark! When you're done drawing, show a friend or family member your drawing and see if they can guess your tree, then switch.



London Planetree bark

#### **MY TREE**

## By the Water

Looking out on the river, imagine what it may have looked like 500 years ago, before any skyscrapers were built, when the Lenni-Lenape people were living in this area. Can you list five ways that humans have changed this landscape since that time? (Hint: consider what has been added and what has been removed, and what may have changed but still be difficult to see).