

# Play the Rainbow Game!

*Designed for grades K - 5*

*Summer is a season bursting with color and life.  
It's a wonderful time to take a walk outside and play the rainbow game!*

**READY** Grab your art journal, or a white piece of paper and something hard to write on, and your favorite thing to draw with (colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc.) *Optional:* camera or mobile device with a camera

**GET SET** Put on some sunscreen and a hat, and grab a water bottle, a snack, and an adult. Choose an inspiring outdoor location for a nature walk. The walk doesn't have to be long; half a mile or less will do the trick!

**GO!** Review the colors of the rainbow before you head out on your walk: *Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.* You may want to sketch a rainbow in your art journal before you start so you'll have the colors on-hand.



Andy Goldsworthy, *Rainbow Leaves*

**During your walk,** find seven natural objects or animals that are each one of the seven colors of the rainbow. To "capture" each object (or animal) and its color, use one or all of the following methods:

- **Say its name and color out loud.** (If you don't know the name of the object, bird, etc. that you are looking at, do some research when you get home to find out!)
- **Write its name and color in your art journal**
- **Sketch the object (or animal)** using colored pencils, markers, paint, etc.
- **Take a picture**

Try to organize your colorful collection in your art journal in their rainbow order. If you took pictures with a camera, can you organize the pictures in rainbow order on a computer?

Please **DO NOT remove the natural object** (including flowers and leaves!) from where you found it. Leave it where it is and capture it using only one of the four methods above.

**Challenge:** *Capture each colorful object along your walk only in the order in which it comes in the rainbow. For example, you cannot search for an orange object until you've found a red one, and so on.*

