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Interrogate the Landscape

Things are often more than they seem. If we don't take the time to look critically at the landscape or areas around us, we can often miss some of the truth and history of the area. For example, some might see daffodils in the middle of the forest and just see them as a bright spot of color in the sea of green. However, if we were to look or think through this a little closer you might notice something else. Daffodils are often planted by humans in gardens or front yards. Is it possible that these flowers are a sign of human intervention? If I were to move the brush aside near the flowers, would I find a footing of a home long ago forgotten?

Directions: Think of a public space you're extremely familiar with—think a major park or some well-known building. As you reflect on the space and answer the questions below, be sure to put some serious thought and reflection into it. If you're unsure about any answers, do some digging and look it up!

Step 1: Choose a Location.

Location's name:

Step 2: Observation.

What do you see/notice about the space?

Where is the nearest water source?

What alterations have been made to the land?

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What feels out of place to you—why?

Step 3: Reflect.

What do you know about the history of this space?

What does the name of this space mean/represent?

What questions come to mind as you reflect on this space?

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