

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 144 "Pirate Treasure!"

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Logline: While playing pretend pirates in the forest, Ari forgets the route to their hidden treasure. With the help of Philbert Squirrel, they learn how to use landmarks and make a map to find it.

Curriculum Goals:

LS1: Record observations about a plant's physical appearance. (Elinor and her friends illustrate what features make a landmark unique and mark them on a map).

ES: Understand that maps show where things are located. Develop a model (drawing, map, diorama, etc.) to represent the shapes and kinds of landforms (hills, valleys, riverbanks, dunes) and bodies of water (streams, lakes, ponds, rivers, oceans) in an area. (Olive draws a map that includes landmarks. NOTE: this is not in our core curriculum but was suggested for inclusion by PBS)

ES1: Explore and describe the characteristics of earth materials such as sand, rocks, soil, water and air (as above).

SEP2: Developing and using models, using simple models to support explanations (Olive makes a map to illustrate the locations of the landmarks and treasure).

MAIN CHARACTERS: Elinor, Olive, Ari, Philbert

PROPS: Pirate hat, eye patch, bedsheet, lunchbox, bandana, pirate sash, spyglass, pirate log, shrub with yellow flowers, shrubs with red flowers, turtle rock, jar of nuts, snacks, Philbert's backpack

LOCATIONS: Forest, Forest Clearing, Forest Path, Stream, Hill with Tree

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9 ELINOR (SING-SONG) 9
It's a surprise! You'll have to
wait until we find and open it. *

10 OLIVE 10
(Gasp) A real pirate treasure
hunt... Now *that's* an adventure! *

The girls <GIGGLE> and resume playing.

EXT. FOREST - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - CONTINUOUS *

CLEARING - CU: A LUNCH BOX WITH A HAND DRAWN PIRATE LOGO on it. **REVEAL:** ARI, wearing a BANDANA, bounds through a clearing, carrying the box. He notices a SHRUB WITH YELLOW FLOWERS surrounded by SEVERAL SHRUBS WITH RED FLOWERS. He stops to smell the yellow flowers and spots a path behind them. He heads off down it.

PATH - Ari skips/runs down a forest path towards a LARGE ROCK SHAPED LIKE A TURTLE WITH ITS HEAD RAISED (TURTLE ROCK). He climbs the rock to scan his surroundings. He sees the path opens into a field not far away, so he hovers down off the rock and continues along the path. (NOTE: Ari can't fly with the lunch box in his hands) *

FIELD / STREAM - Ari runs across a field and stops at a shallow stream. He spots a PATH OF STONES across it and hops carefully over the stones. He almost loses his balance, catches himself, and keeps going. *

EXT. KNOLL - CONTINUOUS *

Ari runs up a small knoll with a TREE on top. He stops to take in a beautiful view of the forest and Animal Town below. (NB: We can use the gorgeous wide shot from the Opening Title sequence) *

11 ARI 11
Woooah! What a view!
(noticing the tree)
This is the *perfect* hiding spot for
pirate treasure. *

He puts the lunch box at the base of the tree and bounds off.

EXT. FOREST - PIRATE SHIP LOG - A LITTLE LATER *

Elinor steers the ship as Olive keeps look-out.

12	ELINOR	12
	Any sign of Treasure-Keeper Ari?	
	Olive scans. SPYGLASS POV moves across the forest before finding Ari bounding down the trail towards them.	
13	OLIVE	13
	Hmmm.... (spotting him) There he is! Ahoy! Arrr!	
	Ari arrives and looks up at his friends on the ship.	
14	ARI	14
	Hey, my name's Arrr-i, not Arrr.	
15	ELINOR	15
	(Giggle) Welcome back! (then, pirate voice) Treasure-Keeper Ari, did you hide the pirate treasure chest?	
16	ARI	16
	You bet. I found a great place for it too. I can't wait to show you.	
17	OLIVE	17
	First, we should make a map to get there.	
18	ARI	18
	A map? What do we need that for?	
19	ELINOR	19
	Maps show us where places and things are. It can help us find our way to the treasure.	
20	OLIVE	20
	Besides, all pirates need a treasure map.	
	Olive pulls a PIECE OF PAPER and CRAYONS out of her satchel. She lays the paper down and Ari and Elinor gather around. In the BOTTOM LEFT of the map, she draws the PIRATE SHIP LOG .	
21	OLIVE (CONT'D)	21
	Here's where we are now... the Pirate Ship Log. Where did you hide the treasure, Ari?	*
22	ARI	22
	I hid it in a tree on a hill not too far from here.	*

In the TOP RIGHT of the map, Olive draws a LARGE TREE WITH AN "X" at its base. *
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23 ELINOR 23
Great, "X" marks the spot! (to Ari) *
How do we get there?

Ari proudly points back down the path he came.

24 ARI (CONFIDENTLY) 24
We go that way! And then...
(losing confidence)
um... down another path, I think...
and, um... And then I'm not sure...

25 OLIVE 25

Ari! Did you forget where you hid
our treasure chest?

26 ARI 26

No! I remember *exactly* where I hid
it... I just forgot how to get
there. (like a sigh) Arrr... *

27 ELINOR 27 *
 Maybe we should start looking in *
 trees until we find it? *

28	ARI	28	*
	All the trees in the forest?		*
	There's way too many.		*

Elinor spots a CHICKADEE in the nearby TREE. *

29 ELINOR (TO BIRD) 29 *
Excuse me, have you seen a tree *
with a treasure chest in it? *

The bird looks at her blankly and flies off. *

30	OLIVE	30	*
	I guess not. Hmm... How are we		*
	going to find the treasure?		*

As the kids stop and think, their friend PHILBERT THE
SQUIRREL arrives at the pirate ship (NOTE: He has a KNAPSACK
with him)..

31 PHILBERT 31
Ahoy! Permission to come aboard
your pirate ship?

32 ELINOR 32
Of course Philbert, c'mon up!

Philbert scrambles up onto the log. He reaches into a HOLE on the side of the log and pulls out a JAR OF ACORNS.

33 OLIVE 33
Woah! Where did that come from?

34 PHILBERT 34
These acorns? I hid them here
awhile ago so my little brothers
wouldn't eat them.
(proudly)
Us squirrels are really good at
hiding things and finding them
later. *

Ari scrambles up the log and peers into the hole as Philbert places the jar in his KNAPSACK. *

35 ARI 35
But how did you remember you hid
them *right there*?

36 PHILBERT 36
Squirrels always hide things near
landmarks so we know where to find
them. *

37 ELINOR 37
What's a landmark?

38 PHILBERT 38
A landmark is something in the area
that's different and easy to see.
It helps you remember where things
are.

Olive gets it and flourishes to the log.

39 OLIVE (EXCITEDLY) 39
Like this giant log!

40 PHILBERT 40
Yeah! This is a great landmark
because it's huge and looks like a
pirate ship. You can't miss it. *

41 ELINOR 41
Ohh, that is so interesting.
(she has an idea)
Ari... do you remember seeing
anything different on your way to
hide the treasure, Ari? Any
landmarks? *

Ari considers.

42	ARI	42	
	Yeah I think I did...		*
	(remembering)		
	...when I left here to hide the		*
	treasure, I passed a shrub with		*
	yellow flowers!		

43	ELINOR	43	
	Ari! If we can find the landmarks		
	you saw, then we'll find the path		
	back to the treasure.		

44	OLIVE	44	
	Great idea! I can add them to the		
	map on the way so we don't forget		*
	them.		*

45	PHILBERT	45	
	Can I join your pirate crew? I'm		*
	good at hiding and seeking.		*

Elinor hops up and offers Philbert a salute.

46	ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE)	46	
	We always have room for more		
	pirates. Welcome aboard Navigator		
	Philbert. Arrrr!		

47	PHILBERT	47	*
	Arrrr!		*

Olive pulls a RED SASH out of her SATCHEL and hands it to Philbert who ties it to his waist. Ari and Olive salute him, and he salutes back.

48	ELINOR	48	
	Now let's go find our treasure! We		*
	need more observations.		*

49	OLIVE / ARI / PHILBERT	49	
	Aye aye Captain!		

The kids run off down the path <HOOTING AND LAUGHING>.

EXT. FOREST - CLEARING - CONTINUOUS *

The kids run into the clearing from earlier with the yellow shrub surrounded by red ones. Ari excitedly points it out.

50 ARI 50

Yo ho ho! There it is! The shrub
with yellow flowers. I *knew* I went
this way.

Olive looks at the shrub, unsure *

51 OLIVE 51
How can you be sure that's the
right shrub? There are shrubs with
yellow flowers all over the forest.

ARI
Not here. All the other shrubs here
have red flowers, see?

The kids move in for a closer look.

53 ELINOR 53
He's right! Every shrub here has
red flowers except that one. *

Olive re-evaluates the scene, looking at the yellow shrub among the red ones. It stands out clearly.

54 OLIVE 54
That yellow shrub *sure* is hard to
miss. It's the only one like that.

55 PHILBERT 55
What a perfect landmark! It's
different *and* easy to see.

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56                OLIVE                56  *
                I'll put it in the map!  *
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Olive puts her map down on a FLAT ROCK and her friends gather round to look. She draws the YELLOW SHRUB WITH A FEW RED SHRUBS AROUND IT near the Pirate Log. She connects the two landmarks with a DOTTED LINE. She traces the path they've taken so far.

57 OLIVE (CONT'D) 57
Ok... so we started at the Pirate
Log here... and took this path to
the Yellow Shrub.

58 ELINOR 58
Where did you go from here, Ari?

Ari thinks about it as they walk towards the yellow shrub. *

59 ARI 59

 Hmm... I remember seeing the yellow
 flowers and wondering if they *smell*
 different than the red flowers so I *

 leaned in for a big sniff...

All four friends lean in and take a <BIG SNIFF>. Ari looks beyond the shrub...

60 ARI (CONT'D) 60
And that's when I saw *that* path. I
went that way.

61	ELINOR	61	
	Great job Ari, we're getting close		*
	to the treasure. Pirate Crew...		*
	Full steam ahead!		

The kids bound off down the trail.

EXT. FOREST - PATH - CONTINUOUS

Now deeper in the forest, Ari leads the kids down the path. He scans ahead and to the sides, looking for something. Ari spots something down the trail and perks up. *

62 ARI 62
Aha there it is!

He runs off and his friends follow.

TURTLE ROCK stands out obviously on the side of the path. Ari *
runs towards it.

63 ARI (CONT'D) 63
I *knew* we were on the right path! I
remember this rock from before.

64 PHILBERT 64
Woah! That rock *is* easy to see. *

65 ELINOR 65
Yeah it sure is *big*. *

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66          ARI                                66      *
          I call it Turtle Rock. Doesn't it      *
          look like a turtle?                      *
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Olive, Philbert and Elinor share a curious look, unsure. They *
circle the rock, examining it from different sides.

67	OLIVE Now that you mention it... (pointing) That <i>does</i> look like a turtle's head.	67	
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68	PHILBERT (NOTICING) And this part <i>is</i> shaped like a turtle's shell...	68	* * *
	Elinor notices the rock has a small "tail" at the back.		*
69	ELINOR There's even a little turtle tail!	69	*
	She steps back and looks at the rock again.		*
70	ELINOR (EXCITEDLY) (CONT'D) It really <i>does</i> look like a turtle!	70	* *
71	PHILBERT What a great landmark. And it's easy to remember because you gave it a great name: Turtle Rock.	71	*
72	OLIVE I'll add it to the map!	72	* *
	Olive opens up her map and starts to draw as her friends gather around to watch. She adds TURTLE ROCK to the map and draws a DOTTED LINE from the Yellow Shrub to it. She traces the next leg of their journey.		*
73	OLIVE (CONT'D) So, after the yellow shrub we went down the forest path until we got to Turtle Rock. Where to next Ari?	73	*
	Ari considers for a moment, then snaps his fingers as he remembers something. He flies to the top of Turtle Rock and looks down the trail from the head of the Turtle.		* *
74	ARI The trail opened up into a field not far from here... This way!	74	
	He flutters down from the rock and runs down the trail.		
75	ELINOR Yes! We're on the right path. (then, pirate voice) Our treasure must be nearrrrr!	75	
	The kids run off after Ari.		

EXT. FIELD - STREAM - CONTINUOUS

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The kids bound out of the forest path into a WIDE FIELD. They run around playing and <LAUGHING>.

76 ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE) 76
What lies ahead, First Mate Olive?

Olive moves her eye-patch from one eye to the other and looks through her spyglass. **SPYGLASS POV:** She spots a SHALLOW STREAM further in the field.

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77              OLIVE
              A stream! I see a stream!
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78	ARI	78
	Follow me! Full <i>stream</i> ahead!	

79 PHILBERT (TO OLIVE) 79 *
Does he always make jokes like *
that? *

Olive <GIGGLES> and nods as Ari runs off and leads his friends to the stream. The stream is too wide for them to cross. The kids (not Ari) look across to the other side and wonder what to do. *

OLIVE

Hmm... we can't go any further.

81 ELINOR 81 *

Yeah, this stream's way too wide
for us to cross. Are you sure you
came this way Ari?

82	ARI	82
	Sure I'm sure! I couldn't fly	*
	across when I was holding the	*
	treasure, so I crossed on(pointing)	*
	... that path of stones.	*

Ari and his friends run over to the stone path. *

83 PHILBERT 83

This path is another great landmark. It's the only way to cross the river around here, so it's easy to see *and* remember.

84 ELINOR 84
Let's add it to the map.

Olive opens her map and adds a drawing of the STONE PATH CROSSING A STREAM IN A FIELD. She connects it to Turtle Rock with a DOTTED LINE. She traces the path as her friends watch.

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85 OLIVE 85
Where did you go next, Ari?

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86 ARI 86
I hopped across the stones, then
hid our treasure on the other side.

87 ELINOR 87
We're so close! Eeeee! I mean...
Arrrrr!

Ari bounds across the stone path, followed by his friends.

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EXT. KNOLL - CONTINUOUS

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The kids run up the knoll and stop at the top to take in the vista. The kids stare in awe, Ari watches them.

88 ARI (PROUD OF HIMSELF) 88
Pretty cool, right? Told you I
found a great place to hide the
treasure.

Olive moves her eye-patch to the other eye and looks through her spyglass.

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89 OLIVE 89
I can see the whole town from here.

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Ari reaches down to the base of the tree and hoists up the LUNCH BOX.

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90 ARI (DRUMROLL) 90
Babababa dum bada dum dum! Ta da!

91 ELINOR / OLIVE / PHILBERT 91
The treasure! / We found it! / Arr!

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92 OLIVE 92
I'm so excited, we finally get to
see what's inside!

Ari puts the lunch box down and the kids drop to their knees in front of it. They share an excited look. They reach out together and open the box to reveal a YUMMY SNACK of APPLE SLICES, GRAPES, AND NUTS!

93 ARI 93
Snacks!

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94 ELINOR 94
(Giggles) The best treasure is one
you can share with your friends. *

Philbert pulls out some nuts.

95 PHILBERT 95
(Laughs) You hid nuts like I did! *
Wait... Do you have little brothers *
too? *

The kids help themselves to snacks and chow down. Olive opens up her map and places it on the lunch box. She connects the STONE PATH to the TREE with a DOTTED LINE and traces their entire journey with her finger.

96 OLIVE 96
Now that we have this map, we know *
how to get here again. From the
Pirate Log, we go to the Yellow *
Shrub. Then down the path to Turtle
Rock and across the stream on the
Stone Path.

97 ARI 97
Maps are awesome! *

Philbert takes his jar of nuts from his knapsack and places it under the tree. *

98 PHILBERT 98
And now there's another treasure
for us to find next time we come.

Elinor hops to her feet.

99 ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE) 99
Back to our ship, Pirate Crew! *

The kids take in the view one last time before running off.

EXT. FOREST - VARIOUS LOCATIONS *

The kids sing a PIRATE SHANTY as they retrace their steps back to the ship.

100 ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI/PHILBERT? 100
ELINOR: Yo ho me mateys! *
REST: A pirate crew are we! *
ELINOR: Yo ho me mateys,
REST: We sail on the high seas!

ALL: We search for treasure high
(MORE)

ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI/PHILBERT? (CONT'D)

and low,
We check our map as we go,
Landmarks help us chart our way,
To find our prize without delay.

They cross back over the river on the Stone Path.

OLIVE: The Stone Path helps us
cross the creek,
To find the treasure that we seek!

They pass Turtle Rock, Ari climbing it again. *

ARI: Up and over Turtle Rock,
While out on our treasure walk! *

They cross the clearing and stop to smell the yellow shrub. *

PHILBERT: Past the yellow flowered
shrub,
Hiked our treasure-searching club!

ALL: We look for things that stick
out,
So we know we're on our route,
Landmarks that catch our eyes,
Will help us find our hidden prize!

ELINOR: Yo ho me mateys!
REST: A pirate crew are we!
ELINOR: Yo ho me mateys,
REST: We sail on the high seas!

EXT. FOREST - PIRATE SHIP LOG - CONTINUOUS *

The kids arrive back at their pirate ship as they finish their song. They climb aboard and Elinor takes her place at the wheel, Olive scans the horizon with her spyglass and Ari makes adjustments to the sail.

101	ELINOR	101	*
	Ready to set sail?		*
102	PHILBERT	102	*
	Wait, you never told me what your		*
	ship is called. Does it have a name?		*
103	ELINOR	103	*
	Yup, it has the best name for this		*
	crew of pirates.		*
	(then, in Pirate Voice)		
	The Friend-Ship. Arrrrr!		

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OLIVE / ARI / PHILBERT

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Arrrrr!

The kids <LAUGH> and resume their pirate play as we **IRIS OUT.**

END.