

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 122B "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 Siggy the Squirrel, they learn how to use landmarks and make a map to find it.

Elinor's Question: How do we find our way to the treasure.

Curriculum Goals:

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

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, Siggy

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, Siggy's backpack

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

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EXT. FOREST - PIRATE SHIP LOG - DAYTIME

A SERIES OF CLOSE UPS: CU: A BED SHEET SAIL drops from a BRANCH acting as a mast. CU: a PIRATE FLAG waves in the wind. CU: ELINOR adjusts her PAPER PIRATE HAT. CU: OLIVE moves an EYE-PATCH from one eye to the other. REVEAL: ELINOR and OLIVE are playing make-believe pirates on a FALLEN LOG that resembles a ship: TANGLED ROOTS create an elevated poop deck, a branch sticks up in the middle like a mast and another branch with the pirate flag grows off the bow like a bowsprit. Elinor steers a WHEEL MADE OF BENT STICKS at the stern, while Olive scans the horizon with her BARK SPYGLASS.

1 ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE)
Captain Elinor steers the pirate
ship through the open seas, ready
for adventure!

2 OLIVE (PIRATE VOICE)
First Mate Olive keeps an eye out
for islands... Oooo! And fish!
Arrr!

Elinor looks at her curiously.

3 ELINOR
"Arrrr?" What does that mean?

4 OLIVE That's how pirate's talk. I don't actually know what it means, but pirates say "Arrr" all the time. 4

5 ELINOR
Ok, got it... I mean...
(Pirate voice)
Arrr! Got it!

The girls <GIGGLE> and Olive raises her spyglass up to her patch-covered eye. She catches herself and switches her patch to the other eye and looks through her spyglass.

6 OLIVE
Where's Ari?

7 ELINOR
He's hiding a treasure chest for
our treasure hunt!

8 OLIVE
A treasure hunt? Arrrrr, that'll be fun! I'll keep an eye out for him.

Olive looks back through her spyglass.

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 BUSH WITH YELLOW FLOWERS surrounded by SEVERAL BUSHES 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 WITH A HOLE IN IT 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)

ARI

Woooah! I can see all of Animal Town from here!

(noticing the tree)

Oh, a tree with a hole in it! This is the perfect hiding spot for pirate treasure.

Ari puts the lunch box inside the tree and bounds off.

EXT. FOREST - PIRATE SHIP LOG - A LITTLE LATER

Elinor steers the ship as Olive keeps look-out.

ELINOR

Any sign of Treasure-Keeper Ari?

Olive scans. **SPYGLASS POV** moves across the forest before finding Ari bounding down the trail towards them.

OLIVE

Hmmmm....

(spotting him)

There he is! Ahoy! Arrrr!

Ari arrives and looks up at his friends on the ship.

12 ARI 12
Hey, my name's Arrrr-i, not Arrr.

13 ELINOR
(Giggle) Welcome back!
(then, pirate voice)
Treasure-Keeper Ari, did you hide
the pirate treasure chest?

14 ARI
You bet. I found a great place for
it too. Now you just have to find
it!

15 OLIVE 15
Okay, did you make a treasure map?
Pirates always use a treasure map.

16 ARI 16
A map? Why would we need that?

17 ELINOR
Maps show you where places and
things are. If we had a map, it
could help us find the treasure.

18 ARI 18
Oh... I didn't make one.

19 OLIVE 19
That's okay. We can make one now if
you tell us where you went. Then we
can follow it to find the treasure!

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.

20 OLIVE (CONT'D) 20
Here's where we are now... the
Pirate Ship Log. Where did you hide
the treasure, Ari?

21 ARI
I hid it in a hole in a tree on a hill.

In the TOP RIGHT of the map, Olive draws a LARGE TREE WITH AN "X" at its base.

22 ELINOR 22
Great, "X" marks the spot! (to Ari)
How do we get there?

Ari proudly points back down the path he came.

23 ARI (CONFIDENTLY) 23
We go that way! And then...
(losing confidence)
um... down another way, I think...
and, um... And then I'm not sure...

24 OLIVE 24
Ari! Did you forget where you hid
our treasure chest?

25 ARI 25
No! I remember exactly where I hid
it... I just forgot which way I
went to get there. (like a sigh)
Arrr...

26 ELINOR 26
Hmm, if you hid it in a tree, maybe
we just have to look in trees until
we find it?

Elinor peeks inside a nearby tree.

27 ARI 27
Look in all the trees in the
forest? There are way too many.

Olive spots a CHICKADEE in the nearby TREE.

28 OLIVE 28
Maybe that bird knows. (to bird)
Excuse me, little birdie, have you
seen a tree with a treasure chest
in it?

The bird looks at her blankly and flies off.

29 ELINOR 29
I guess not.
(thinking)
Hmm... how can we find the treasure
if Ari doesn't remember how to get
to it?

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

30 SIGGY 30
Ahoy! Permission to come aboard
your pirate ship?

31 ELINOR 31
Of course Siggy, c'mon up!

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

32 OLIVE 32
Woah! Where did that come from?

33 SIGGY 33
These acorns? I hid them here a
while ago so my little brothers
wouldn't eat them.
(proudly)
We squirrels are really good at
hiding things and finding them
later.

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

34 ARI 34
But how did you remember you hid
them *right there*?

35 SIGGY 35
Squirrels always hide things near
landmarks so we know where to find
them.

36 ELINOR 36
Um... What's a landmark?

37 SIGGY 37
A landmark is something that is
easy to find and easy to remember.
You can use it to figure out where
things are.

Olive gets it and flourishes to the log.

38 OLIVE (EXCITEDLY) 38
Like this giant log!

39 SIGGY 39
Yeah! This is a great landmark
because it's huge and looks like a
pirate ship. You can't forget it.

40 ELINOR 40
Ohh, that is so interesting.
(she has an idea)
Ari... do you remember seeing any
landmarks on your way to hide the
treasure?

Ari considers.

41 ARI 41
Yeah I think I did...
(remembering)
...when I left here to hide the
treasure, I passed a really cool
bush with yellow flowers in a
field!

42 ELINOR 42
Hey! If we can find that landmark
maybe it will help us find the
right way back to the treasure.

43 OLIVE 43
Great idea! I can add it to the
map.

44 SIGGY 44
A bush with yellow flowers in a
field? I think I know where that
is! Can I join your pirate crew? I
know my way around the forest - I
can be your navigator and show you
around!

Elinor hops up and offers Siggy a salute.

45 ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE) 45
We always have room for more
pirates. Welcome aboard Navigator
Siggy. Arrr!

46 SIGGY 46
Arrr!

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

47 ELINOR 47
Now let's go find our treasure! We
need MORE observations!

48 OLIVE / ARI / SIGGY 48
Aye aye Captain!

Siggy leads the kids down the path <HOOTING AND LAUGHING>.

EXT. FOREST - CLEARING - CONTINUOUS

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

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ARI

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

Olive looks at the bush, unsure.

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ARI (CONT'D)

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See? It's the only bush with yellow flowers on it. All the other bushes here have red flowers. That's what made me remember it.

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

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OLIVE

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And the yellow flowers are so bright that they're hard to miss.

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SIGGY

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What a perfect landmark! It's different and easy to find.

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OLIVE

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I'll put it on the map.

Olive puts her map down on a FLAT ROCK and her friends gather round to look. She draws the YELLOW BUSH WITH A FEW RED BUSHES AROUND IT near the Pirate Log. She connects the two landmarks with a DOTTED LINE. She traces the path they've taken so far.

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OLIVE (CONT'D)

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Ok... so we started at the Pirate Log here... and walked this way to the Yellow Bush.

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ELINOR

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What did you do next, Ari?

Ari thinks about it as they walk towards the yellow bush.

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ARI

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Hum... I remember I stood on a
funny looking rock to get a better
(MORE)

ARI (CONT'D)

look. The rock reminded me of a turtle.

Siggy brightens.

SIGGY

Hey! I know that rock! It's over this way!

The kids all look over as Siggy points out a trail leading back into the forest near the yellow flowered bush.

ELINOR

Great job Ari and Siggy, we're getting closer to the treasure. Pirate Crew... awaaaaaayyyy!

Siggy leads the crew as the kids bound off down the trail.

EXT. FOREST - PATH - CONTINUOUS

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

ARI

Aha, there it is!

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

ARI (CONT'D)

We're on the right track! This is the rock I saw before.

OLIVE

Woah! That rock is easy to spot.

ELINOR

Yeah it sure is big.

SIGGY

I call it Turtle Rock. Doesn't it look like a turtle? That part's the head, and that part's the shell.

Olive and Elinor share a curious look, unsure. They circle the rock, examining it from different sides.

OLIVE

Now that you mention it...

65 ELINOR (EXCITEDLY) 65
It really does look like a turtle!

66 SIGGY 66
That's what makes this such a great
landmark. It's easy to find and
easy to remember.

67 OLIVE 67
I'll add it to the map!

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 Bush to it. She traces
the next leg of their journey.

68 OLIVE (CONT'D) 68
So, after the yellow bush we went
down the forest path until we got
to Turtle Rock. Where to next, Ari?

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.

69 ARI 69
Oh, I remember! Not too far from
here, I crossed a stream in a
field.

70 SIGGY 70
I know that stream. Navigator Siggy
will lead the way!

Siggy runs off down the trail. Ari flutters down from the
rock and follows him.

71 ELINOR 71
Yes! We're on the right path.
(then, pirate voice)
Our treasure must be nearrrrr!

Olive and Elinor <SFX: GIGGLE> and run off after Ari.

EXT. FIELD - STREAM - CONTINUOUS

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

72 ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE) 72
What's 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.

73 OLIVE 73
A stream! I see a stream!

74 ARI 74
That must be it! Lead the way, Siggie!

Siggie 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.

75 OLIVE 75
Hmm... we can't go any further.

76 ELINOR 76
Yeah, this stream's way too wide for us to cross. Are you sure you came this way, Ari?

77 ARI 77
Sure I'm sure! I couldn't fly across when I was holding the treasure, so I crossed on... (pointing) those three big stones.

Ari and his friends run over to three big stones forming a path across the river.

78 SIGGY 78
It's like a stone bridge.

79 OLIVE 79
Wow, another great landmark. It's the only way to cross the stream, so it's easy to see and remember.

80 ELINOR 80
Let's add it to the map.

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

81 OLIVE 81
Then what did you do, Ari?

82 ARI 82
I hopped across the stones, and then I hid our treasure on the other side.

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ELINOR

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

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

EXT. KNOLL - CONTINUOUS

The kids run up the knoll and stop at the top to take in the vista. The kids stare in awe <SFX: OOH/WHOA>, Ari watches them.

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ARI (PROUD OF HIMSELF)

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Pretty cool, right? Told you I
found a great place to hide the
treasure.

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SIGGY

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But...where is it?

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OLIVE

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Wait a minute, since we're the
pirate crew...

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ELINOR

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We should be the ones who find the
treasure. Arrrrr!

Olive, Elinor and Siggy start searching around as Ari watches them, guiding. Eventually Elinor starts heading for the tree.

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ARI

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You are all cold, colder, colder,
wait - Elinor is getting warmer, a
little warmer, now you are red hot!

Elinor reaches into the tree's hole and hoists up the LUNCH BOX.

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ARI (DRUMROLL) (CONT'D)

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Babababa dum bada dum dum! Ta da!

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ELINOR / OLIVE / SIGGY

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The treasure! / We found it! / Arr!

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OLIVE

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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!

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ARI

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Snacks!

The kids help themselves <SFX: WOW! AWESOME!> to snacks and chow down <SFX: MUNCHING/MMM/YUM/SO GOOD>.

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ELINOR

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I'm so glad you came with us, Siggy. The best treasure is one you can share with your friends.

Everyone <SFX: WALLA AGREES>. 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.

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OLIVE

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Now that we have this map, we know how to get here again. We just follow the landmarks!

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ELINOR

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From the Pirate Log, we go to the Yellow Bush. Then down the path to Turtle Rock...

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SIGGY

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...across the stream on the Stone
Bridge, and then up the hill to
this tree!

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ARI

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Maps... are... awesome!

Siggy takes his jar of nuts from his knapsack and places it in the hole in the tree.

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SIGGY

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

The kids take in the view one last time. Elinor hops to her feet.

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ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE)

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Ok, back to our ship, Pirate Crew!

As the kids run off, we hear the first beats of a ditty.

EXT. FOREST - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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

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ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI/SIGGY

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ELINOR: Yo ho me mateys!

REST: A pirate crew are we!

ELINOR: Yo ho me mateys,

REST: We sail on the high seas!

ALL: When you search for treasure
high and low,

Be sure to check your map as you
go,

Landmarks help you chart your way,
To find your prize without delay.

They cross back over the river on the Stone Path.

OLIVE: Stone Bridge let us cross
the stream,
And helped our treasure-searching
team!

They pass Turtle Rock, Ari climbing it again.

ARI: We passed right by Turtle
Rock,
While out on our treasure walk!

They cross the clearing and stop to smell the yellow bush.

SIGGY: The yellow bush helped us
mark our way,
As we searched for treasure on this
fine day!

ALL: Landmarks that catch your eye,
Will help you find your 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!

Ahooy!

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 SIGGY 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!

104 OLIVE / ARI / SIGGY 104
Arrrrr!

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

END.

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