

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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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.

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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)

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ARI

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

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(noticing the tree)

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

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

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EXT. FOREST - PIRATE SHIP LOG - A LITTLE LATER

Elinor steers the ship as Olive keeps look-out.

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ELINOR

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Any sign of Treasure-Keeper Ari?

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

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OLIVE

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Hmmm....

(spotting him)

There he is! Ahoy! Arrr!

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

12	ARI	12	
	Hey, my name's Arrr-i, not Arrr.		
13	ELINOR	13	
	(Giggle) Welcome back!		
	(then, pirate voice)		
	Treasure-Keeper Ari, did you hide the pirate treasure chest?		
14	ARI	14	
	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	17	
	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	21	
	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 <i>exactly</i> 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 <i>all</i> 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 PHILBERT THE	
	SQUIRREL arrives at the pirate ship (NOTE: He has a KNAPSACK	
	with him).	*

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

31 ELINOR 31
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.

32 OLIVE 32
Woah! Where did that come from?

33 PHILBERT 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 Philbert
places the jar in his KNAPSACK.

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

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

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

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

40	ELINOR Ohh, that is so interesting. (she has an idea) Ari... do you remember seeing any landmarks on your way to hide the treasure?	40	* * *
Ari considers.			
41	ARI 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!	41	* * *
42	ELINOR Hey! If we can find that landmark maybe it will help us find the right way back to the treasure.	42	* * *
43	OLIVE Great idea! I can add it to the map.	43	* *
44	PHILBERT A bush with yellow flowers in a field? I think I know where that is! Can I join your pirate crew? I can help you find the way.	44	* * * *
Elinor hops up and offers Philbert a salute.			
45	ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE) We always have room for more pirates. Welcome aboard Navigator Philbert. Arrr!	45	
46	PHILBERT Arrr!	46	
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.			
47	ELINOR Now let's go find our treasure! We need MORE observations!	47	* *
48	OLIVE / ARI / PHILBERT Aye aye Captain!	48	
Philbert 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.

49	ARI	49	
	Yo ho ho! There it is! The bush		*
	with yellow flowers. I <i>knew</i> I went		*
	this way.		

Olive looks at the bush, unsure. *

50	ARI (CONT'D)	50	*
	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.

51	OLIVE	51
	And the yellow flowers are so	*
	bright that they're hard to miss.	*

52 PHILBERT 52 *
What a perfect landmark! It's
different *and* easy to find. *

53 OLIVE 53
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.

54	OLIVE (CONT'D)	54
	Ok... so we started at the Pirate	
	Log here... and walked this way to	*
	the Yellow Bush.	*

55 ELINOR 55
What did you do next, Ari? *

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

56	ARI	56	
	Hmm... I remember I stood on a		*
	funny looking rock to get a better		*
	look. The rock reminded me of a		*
	turtle.		*

Philbert brightens.

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PHILBERT

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

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

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ELINOR

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

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

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EXT. FOREST - PATH - CONTINUOUS

Now deeper in the forest, Ari and Philbert 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.

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ARI

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Aha, there it is!

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

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ARI (CONT'D)

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

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OLIVE

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Woah! That rock *is* easy to spot.

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ELINOR

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Yeah it sure is *big*.

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PHILBERT

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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.

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OLIVE

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Now that you mention it...
(pointing)
That *does* look like a turtle's
head.

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65	ELINOR (NOTICING)	65	*
	And this part <i>is</i> shaped like a turtle's shell...		
	Elinor notices the rock has a small "tail" at the back.		
66	ARI	66	*
	There's even a little turtle tail!		
	They step back and look at the rock again.		*
67	ELINOR (EXCITEDLY)	67	
	It really <i>does</i> look like a turtle!		
68	PHILBERT	68	
	That's what makes this such a great landmark. It's easy to find and easy to remember.		* * *
69	OLIVE	69	
	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.		*
70	OLIVE (CONT'D)	70	
	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.		* *
71	ARI	71	*
	Oh, I remember! Not too far from here, I crossed a stream in a field.		* * *
72	PHILBERT	72	*
	I know that stream. Navigator Philbert will lead the way!		* *
	Philbert runs off down the trail. Ari flutters down from the rock and follows him.		* *
73	ELINOR	73	
	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>.

74 ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE) 74
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.

75	OLIVE	75
	A stream! I see a stream!	

76	ARI	76	
	That must be it! Lead the way,		*
	Philbert!		*

Philbert 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.

77 OLIVE 77
 Hmm... we can't go any further.

78 ELINOR 78
Yeah, this stream's way too wide
for us to cross. Are you sure you *
came this way, Ari? *

79 ARI 79

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

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

80	PHILBERT	80	*
	It's like a stone bridge.		*

81	OLIVE	81	*
	Wow, another great landmark. It's		*
	the only way to cross the stream,		*
	so it's easy to see <i>and</i> remember.		*

82 ELINOR 82
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.

83 OLIVE 83
Then what did you do, Ari? *

84 ARI 84
I hopped across the stones, and *
then I hid our treasure on the *
other side.

85 ELINOR 85
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.

86 ARI (PROUD OF HIMSELF) 86
Pretty cool, right? Told you I
found a great place to hide the
treasure.

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

87 ARI (DRUMROLL) (CONT'D) 87
Babababa dum bada dum dum! Ta da!

88 ELINOR / OLIVE / PHILBERT 88
The treasure! / We found it! / Arr!

89 OLIVE 89
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!

90 ARI 90
Snacks!

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

91 ELINOR 91
I'm so glad you came with us, *
Philbert. 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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92 OLIVE 92

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

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93 ELINOR 93

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

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94 PHILBERT 94

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

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95 ARI 95

Maps... are... awesome!

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

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96 PHILBERT 96

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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97 ELINOR (PIRATE VOICE) 97

Ok, back to our ship, Pirate Crew!

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

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EXT. FOREST - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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

98 ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI/PHILBERT? 98

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,

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(MORE)

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

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

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*

They cross back over the river on the Stone Path.

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

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They pass Turtle Rock, Ari climbing it again.

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

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

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

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ALL: Look for things that stick
out,
So you know you're on your route,
Landmarks that catch your eyes,
Will help you find your hidden
prize!

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ELINOR: Yo ho me mateys!
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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.

99	ELINOR	99
	Ready to set sail?	
100	PHILBERT	100
	Wait, you never told me what your ship is called. Does it have a name?	
101	ELINOR	101
	Yup, it has the best name for this crew of pirates. (MORE)	

ELINOR (CONT'D)

(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.

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