



TREE

INVESTIGATION

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SUPERSTARWORKSHEETS

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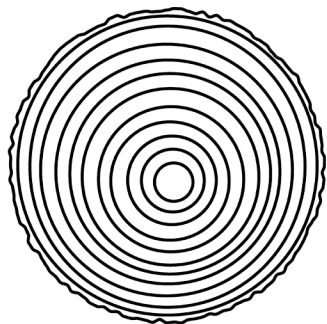
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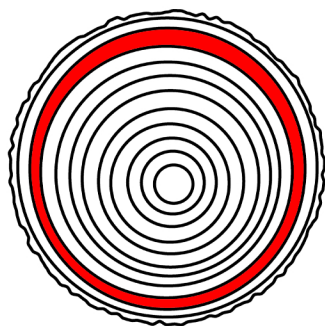
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1. How many rings do you count? 10 rings

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3. Circle the widest ring. What might that mean?

A year with lots of rain and good growing conditions.

Compare & Reflect:

1. How were your two bark rubbings different?

Textures differ because bark type varies by species — rough/scaly bark is common in pine, smoother/furrowed in oak.

2. What do tree rings tell scientists about a tree's past?

Tree rings tell scientists the tree's age, growth rate, and historical weather patterns.