

TEA TIME: EXPLORING ORCHARD HERBS THROUGH THE SENSES

We make **OBSERVATIONS** of natural phenomena through the senses -- **SIGHT**, **HEARING**, **TASTE**, **SMELL**, and **TOUCH**. This is valuable information for

experiencing the world and learning from it. We'll engage these senses as a way of learning and experiencing nature & plants of the school orchard.

As you sample each tea, note what you observe about the following:

- <u>Predominant Flavor:</u> sweet, salty, sour, bitter, pungent
- <u>Mouthfeel:</u> coating, moistening, drying, astringent
- <u>Temperature of the Plant:</u> heating, cooling, no change (mild) temperate
- Where Do You Feel It Traveling in the Body?: does the energy rise, sink, expand, contract, remain steady? To what parts of the body does it travel?
- <u>How Do You Feel?</u> relaxed, energized, calmed, stimulated; what images, sounds, feelings, colors, memories, thoughts come to your mind and body?

What inferences can you draw about your experience of connecting with each tea and your approach to learning about the plants' growth and use?

#1 Name of Plant: Latin Name: Part of Plant Used: Harvest Season: Medicinal Use:	#2 Name of Plant: Latin Name: Part of Plant Used: Harvest Season: Medicinal Use:
Scent:	Scent:
Color:	Color:
Predominant Flavor:	Predominant Flavor:
Mouthfeel:	Mouthfeel:
Temperature:	Temperature:
Where Does It Travel?	Where Does It Travel?
Feeling/Sensation:	Feeling/Sensation:
What Part of the Plant?	What Part of the Plant?
Medicinal Use?	Medicinal Use?

#3 Name of Plant: Latin Name: Part of Plant Used: Harvest Season: Medicinal Use:	#4 Name of Plant: Latin Name: Part of Plant Used: Harvest Season: Medicinal Use:		
Scent:	Scent:		
Color:	Color:		
Predominant Flavor:	Predominant Flavor:		
Mouthfeel:	Mouthfeel:		
Temperature:	Temperature:		
Where Does It Travel?	Where Does It Travel?		
Feeling/Sensation:	Feeling/Sensation:		
What Part of the Plant?	What Part of the Plant?		
Medicinal Use?	Medicinal Use?		
#5 Name of Plant: Latin Name: Part of Plant Used: Harvest Season: Medicinal Use:	REFLECT: Which plants did you enjoy the most? Which did you enjoy the least? What did you learn? What surprised you?		
Scent:			
Color:			
Predominant Flavor:			
Mouthfeel:			
Temperature:			
Where Does It Travel?			
Feeling/Sensation:			
What Part of the Plant?			
Medicinal Use?			