

2. WHAT DO WE REMEMBER? TALKING ABOUT CHANGE

What's this about?

By drawing a map of our neighborhood, we can create stories from our memories, and have important conversations about the past, present and future.

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NEED?

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YOUR WALKING
SHOES

What will you be doing? Our neighborhoods are always changing, and one day one of our favorite places might not be there any more. By making a map of a few blocks around your neighborhood, you can then visualize your memories attached to these places and have conversations about what you love, what you miss, and what you hope the neighborhood looks like in the future.

☆ *Use the prompts below to help guide you in your mapped out memories*

PART I: MEMORY WALKS

Before you go outside, find a piece of paper. This paper represents your neighborhood.



Take a walk around your neighborhood and map along the way.

What are some of your favorite places? What memories do you have when you see them?

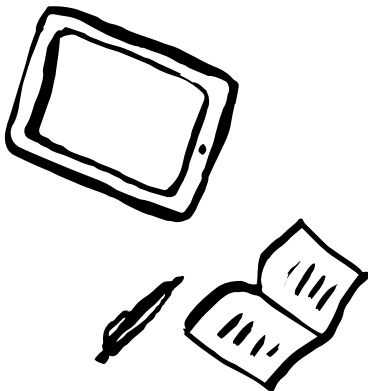


Notice if anything has changed on your walk. Has your favorite place to eat closed, or are they still open? If you see something that has changed since you last remember it, make a note on your map.



Think about how you feel on your walk. If a lot has changed, how does that make you feel? Make notes about how you feel along the way.

PART II: MEMORY TALKS



Sit down as a family, or video call a relative or friend, and interview each other about your neighborhood memories.

What are some memories they have of their neighborhoods?

What do you wish for the future of your neighborhoods?

Exchange memories.

Note: If you don't want to interview, write! You can use this activity like a journal, writing out your memories instead of having conversations.

BONUS

We can honor our memories by creating physical representations of them. There are many ways we can do this: make a drawing of a memory, write a poem or a song, act it out!

Let us know how you shared your memories, and your hopes for the future.

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