

GET TO KNOW THE NIGHT: MOONLIGHT OBSERVATION

Based on *The Night School for Young Mystics* by Maia Toll
with illustrations by Khoa Le



CONGRATULATIONS, FIREFLY, YOU'RE IN!

You have been chosen to join the Night School's esteemed program for magic and mysticism.

This worksheet is a twist on the first field trip in the book, *Your Night Spot*, and is meant to be a nighttime observation activity. Print out this worksheet and follow the directions.

About this field trip

Location: Close to home—your porch, backyard, or even a window looking out into the night is perfect.

Duration: 30 minutes to 1 hour

- This worksheet
- A clipboard or surface to write on
- A flashlight
- A writing utensil (pen, pencil, marker—anything works!)

YOU'RE READY TO GO, FIREFLY!



TUNE INTO YOUR SENSES

Step into the Night and allow your magical mind to take lead. Note your observations here:

I see _____.

Example: I see a full moon.

I hear _____.

Example: I hear cicadas.

I smell _____.

Example: I smell the fresh air.

I feel _____.

Example: I feel the light breeze.

I taste _____.

Example: I taste the freedom of the outdoors.



Great job! You have opened yourself fully to the Night. Take a moment to gently reflect on how you may feel differently during the Night compared to during the Day before you move on to the next page.

UNLEASH YOUR INNER NIGHT POET

In *The Night School for Young Mystics*, you are asked to write a Night Haiku. Now, let's further your studies and write an acrostic poem. An acrostic poem is a poem where the first sentence of each line spells out a word.

An acrostic poem for Night can look like this:

N oises hush, the world grows calm,
I nky darkness, like a soothing balm.
G littering stars in the velvet sky,
H idden magic as the night flies by.
T wilight whispers and dreams take flight.

YOUR TURN, FIREFLY, GIVE IT A TRY!

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I _____

G _____

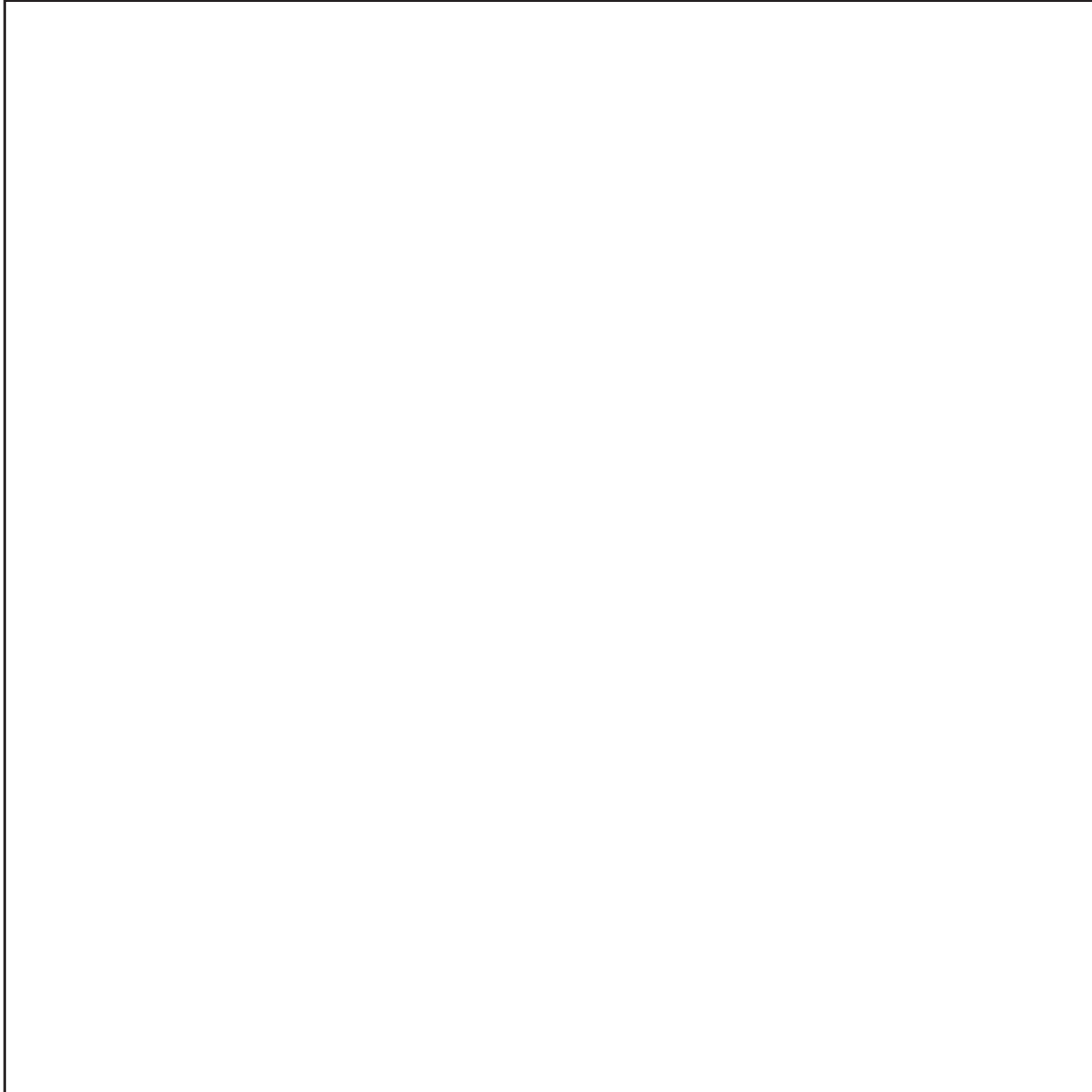
H _____

T _____

Amazing work! If you want to create more acrostic poems, try it with **STAR** and **MAGIC** or challenge yourself with **MIDNIGHT** and **TWILIGHT**.



You have successfully completed this moonlight observation! This page is for you to continue your exploration—you can decide what you want to do with it. Perhaps you can write a reflection, or complete another acrostic poem, or draw the Night!



Remember, this moonlight observation does not have to be a one-time activity! Revisit these pages anytime you want to reconnect with the Night and feel its magic.



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