

Follow-up Activity

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FIELD TRIP

To help your kids retain the wonderful experiences they are having, even digitally, it is important to help them to process the activity. An easy way to do that is to have them **write simple summary paragraphs** about where you went and what they liked or didn't like about the digital field trip.

When a student processes what they have done in a written format, they make multiple connections with the activity and they increase their comprehension in multiples of ways. This will also give them an enlarged memory bank of background knowledge to bring to any reading activity they do in the future.

Good readers are those who know a bit about everything, so they will have some background knowledge that they can apply to whatever comes up in a reading text.

Research has established that students' background knowledge plays a critical role in their understanding of the higher-level concepts contained in most content area materials.

