

Section 4 - Preservation



Learn a Trade

The missions taught people how to live as Spanish citizens. Part of becoming a Spanish citizen meant learning a new skill or trade. Below are some skills that were taught at the missions.

Match the trade with the tool:

milling

weaving

masonry

carpentry

farming

blacksmithing

fresco painting



Flour



Sledgehammer and Nails



Wool



Trowel



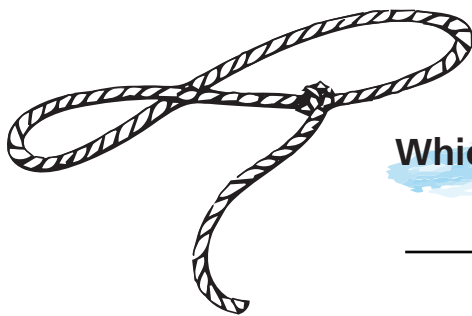
Saw



Pitchforks



Paintbrush



Which of these skills would you want to learn and why?



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Preservación Cultural (Cultural Preservation)

Entre 200 y 300 bandas o grupos indígenas diferentes vivían en esta parte de Texas. Cuando las misiones comenzaron, el español se convirtió en el idioma aquí. Con el tiempo, las lenguas indígenas se fueron perdiendo.

(200-300 different Indigenous bands, or groups, lived in this part of Texas. When the missions started, Spanish became the language here. Over time, the Indigenous languages were lost.)

Escribe el nombre de una de las bandas indígenas que estuvieron aquí en las misiones. (Write down the name of one Indigenous band that lived at the missions.)

Around the park you'll see many things written in different languages, like our brochures, maps, and educational signs.

Learn at least three words in a language you don't know and write them here:

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You can use your smart phone to learn any language!



Bonus: Can you think of something in your culture besides language that is important to protect?

Did you know some of our park rangers are **bilingual**? That means they can speak and understand two different languages! You can always ask them for help!



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Take a Photo, It Will Last Longer

Park Rangers preserve and protect important places for future faces. The missions are here to stay, but sometimes memories fade away. Photos are a great way to remember your favorite fresco, tree, or mission building.

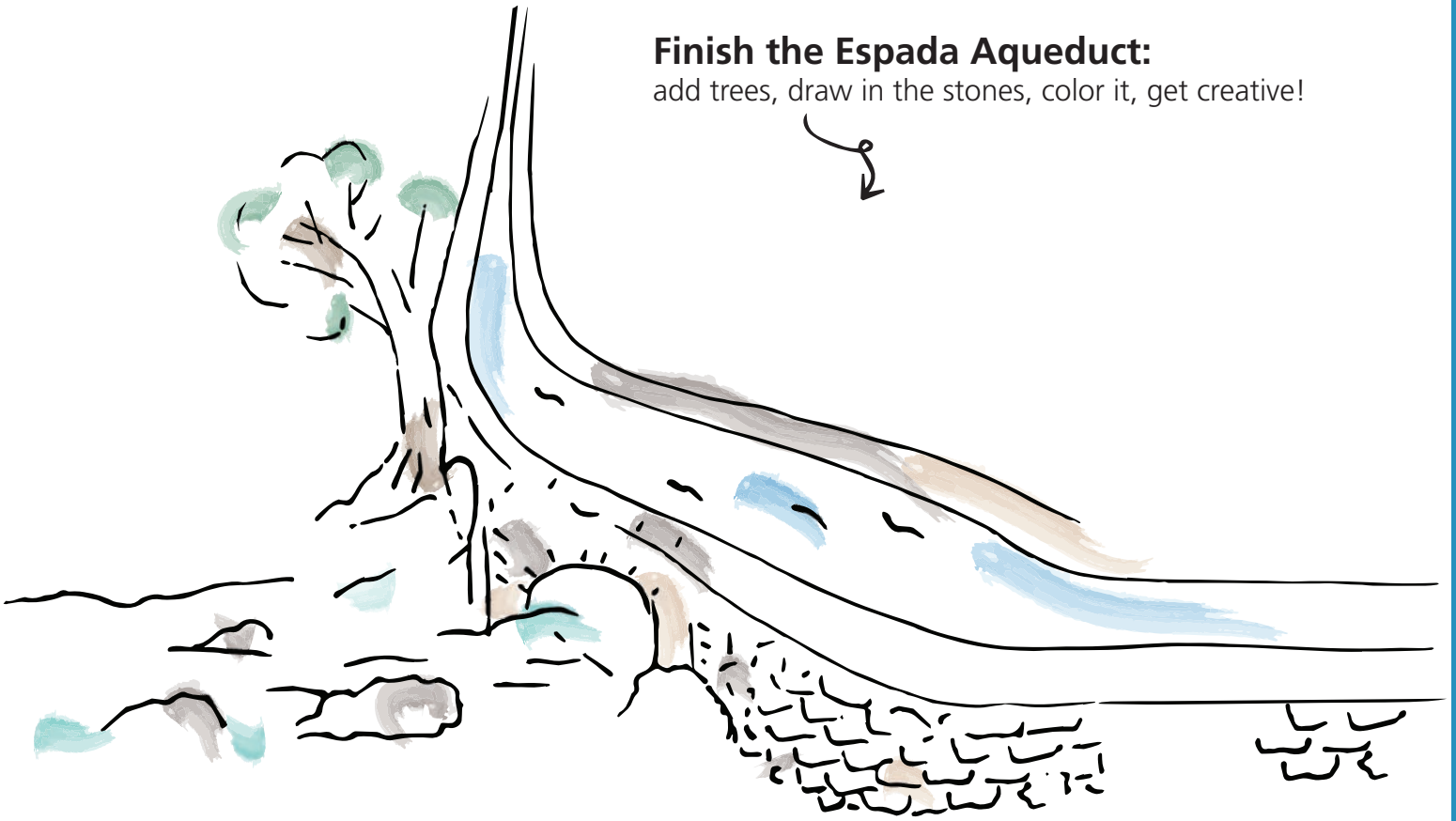


Take nothing but
photographs, leave
nothing but footprints.

As you visit the missions, take a photo of something you want to remember and share it with a park ranger.

Finish the Espada Aqueduct:

add trees, draw in the stones, color it, get creative!



Bonus: Find this spot in the park and take a picture!

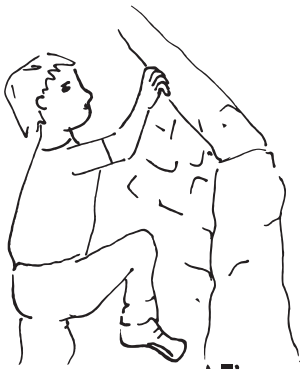


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Junior Rangers Care

We need Junior Rangers like you to help take care of special places, like San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

Circle things that Junior Rangers do, and cross out the things they do not.



Climbing on walls



Taking a photo



Picking up trash



Swimming in acequias



Picking flowers



Staying on the trail

Junior Rangers help take care of parks!

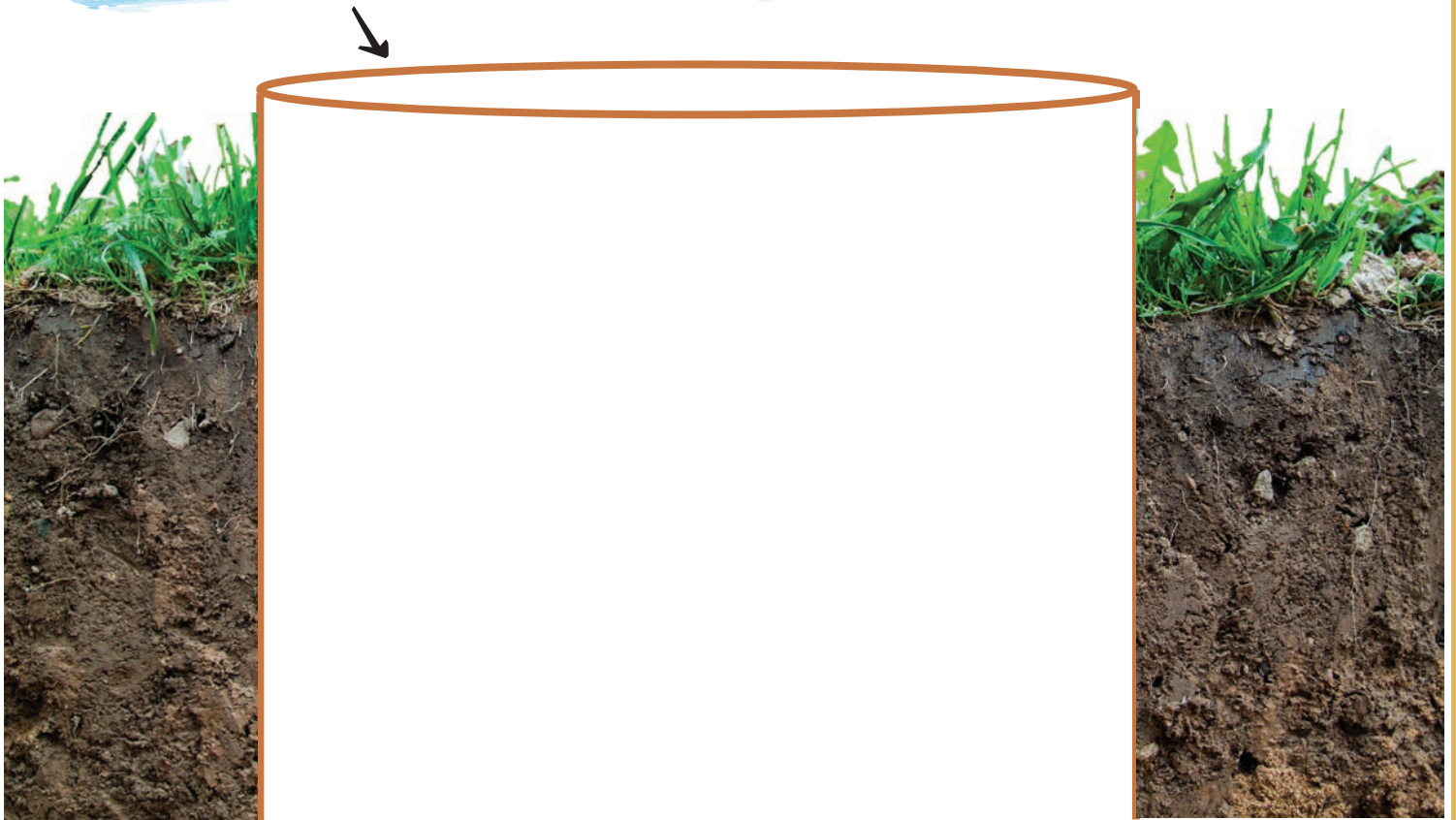


Bonus: What are other things that Junior Rangers can do to help protect parks?

Section 5 - Reflection

Cultural Snapshots

If you were trying to explain how you live and what matters to you, which 3-5 objects would you put inside a time capsule for someone to find in the future and why? **Write and/or draw them in your time capsule box.**



Look at the objects below.

What might they tell you about the people that lived here?





Section 5: Reflection

Sense of Wonder

Sometimes we go places without really paying attention. Tune in to your senses (sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste) and explore the park! What different senses are you using?

Share some of your experiences.

I saw...



I smelled...



I heard...

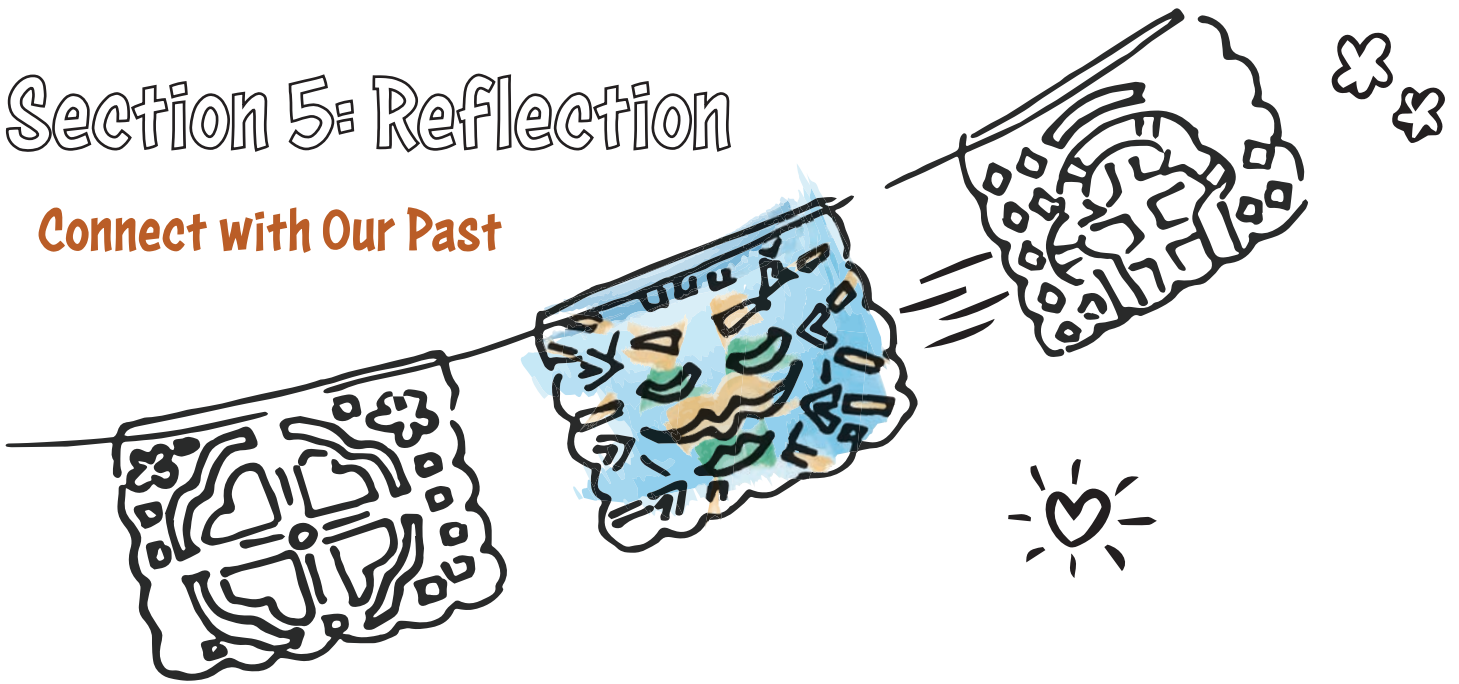


I felt (an emotion such as happy, sad, or bored)...



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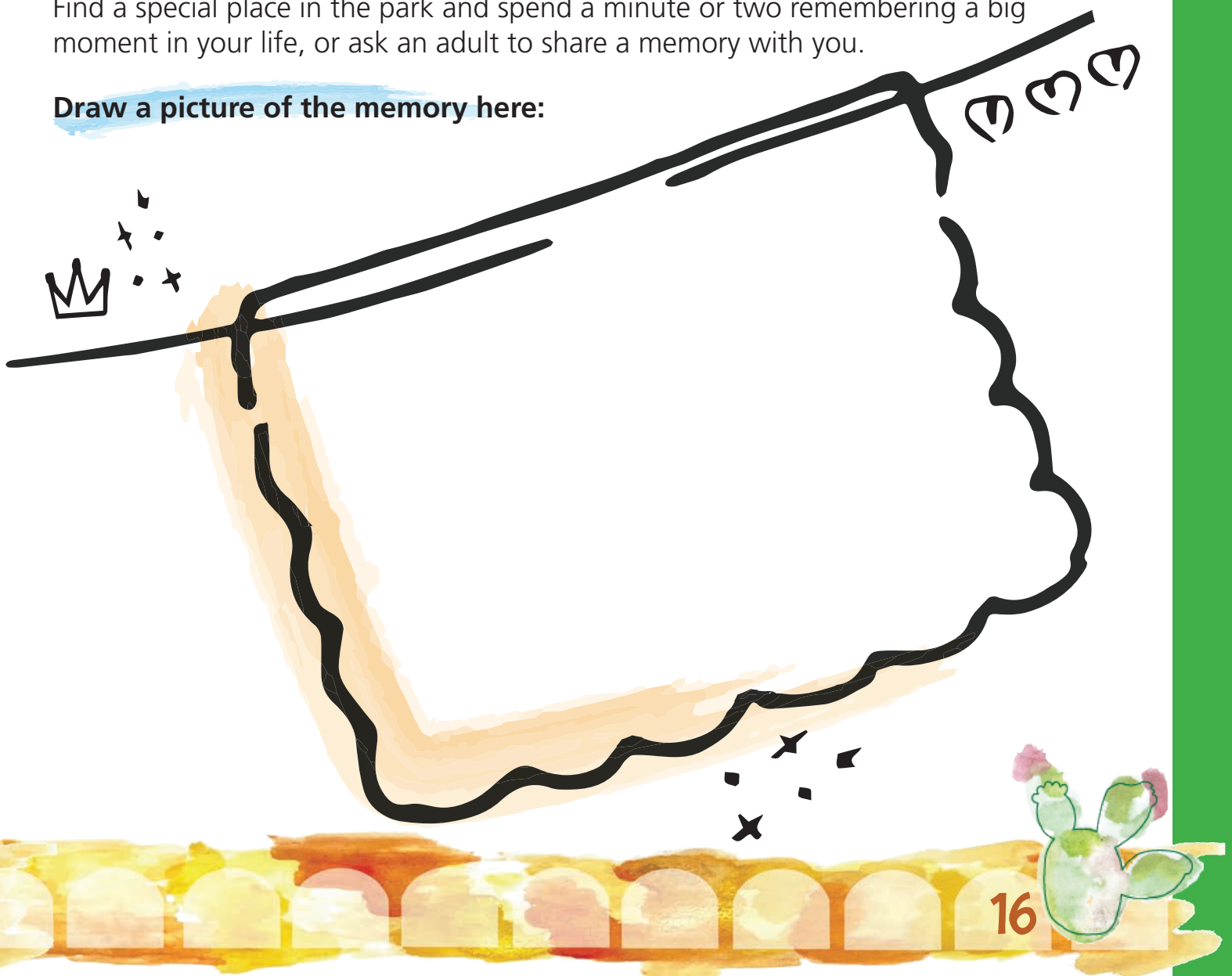
Connect with Our Past



Mission churches are places where families can remember their faith and the big moments of their lives as well as connect with their ancestors.

Find a special place in the park and spend a minute or two remembering a big moment in your life, or ask an adult to share a memory with you.

Draw a picture of the memory here:



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Have Fun

Parks are places to learn, explore, remember, celebrate our history, and HAVE FUN.

Get out there and have some fun the way you want to.

Choose any of the following activities: biking, hiking, picnicking, photography, scenic driving, or something you enjoy!

How did you have fun in the park today?

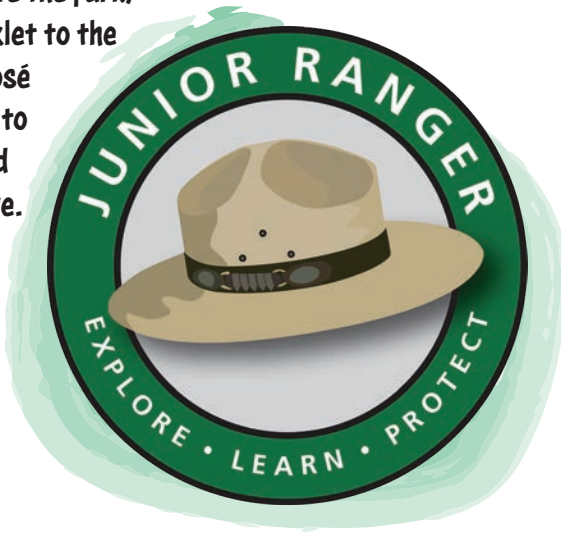
Write a couple sentences about your adventure.





JUNIOR RANGER PLEDGE


Before you leave the park, bring this booklet to the Mission San José Visitor Center to be sworn in and earn your badge.



As a Junior Ranger I promise to explore and discover nature and history's wonder, to preserve and not destroy, so others can enjoy the lands that we share and the parks for which we care!

MISSION ESPADA IN BLOOM
San Antonio Missions National Historical Park
Plants featured: Prickly Pear, Bluebonnet, and Indian Blanket Flower
Art by Chantelle Ruidant-Hansen

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Congrats! Where will you keep your badge to remember your visit to San Antonio Missions?

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park



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