As you loupe-study your hand, a leaf, a bug or a rock - ask yourself:

The 1st Private Eye Questions



"What else does it remind me of?

What else does it look like?"

or feel like? move like? smell like?

What else? What else? What else?

After a few days, aim for 10 or more answers to above questions. (Think of the questions as one big question, like a sandwich.) Your answers become Bones-for-Poems, stories, essays, memoirs. They also become Clues to help answer the question: Why is it like that? or What's going on here? or How can I solve a problem?

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Easy Hypothesizing / Theorizing

"Why is it like that?"

"Well, What else does it remind me of?"

What else? What else? What else?

"If it reminds me of that, I wonder if it might function like that ... in some way ... that might help the plant / critter survive?"

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Inquiry

The Scientific Method and The Private Eye

1. Close Observation

(Loupe + Questions)

2. Record

Observations



"What else does it remind me of?" "What else? What else? What else?"

3. Hypothesize /

Theorize "If it reminds me of that, I wonder if it might function like that... in some way?"

- 4. Test Guesses; Research
- 5. Draw Tentative Conclusions