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Leaf Litter Data Observation Sheet

1. Staple the index card to this sheet that contains your initial answer to the question what is leaf litter.

2. In the space below, draw a picture of the location where we obtained the leaf litter sample at the school. Be sure to write descriptions with the picture of what kinds of plant, fungus, or animal material or organisms you observe.

3. In the space below, draw sketches of the different organisms/materials that you observe as you sift through the samples brought back to the classroom. Once again be sure you include written descriptions with your pictures. You need to also look for trace evidence left behind as well as the whole thing.

4. How do things look when you examine the sample using the hand lens? Make sketches of the new things that you find.

5. What new things do you find when you use the dissecting scope? Make sketches.

6. Observe the wet mounts you made from your leaf litter samples. Sketch and describe what you see.

7. Now that you have picked your leaf litter samples apart, what is your new answer to the question “What is leaf litter?”.

8. Go online and search sites on leaf litter. How is leaf litter described? Write down two websites that you found that gave you the most information about leaf litter.