



Unit IX Part 2 The Cycle of Life
Lesson 3 Elders' Ways

The Stories They Tell -- Graveyard Data Collection Worksheet

Name _____

Date _____

Task: You are a folk culture researcher who must show that graveyards reflect how cultures change and differ from each other. You will be assessed on your ability to analyze the data you collected and infer cultural practices and differences.

Use this form to record data about the graveyard you visit. Analyze the data to find out how customs change over time and how different folk groups' graveyard traditions differ. After thinking about your findings and discussing the field trip in class, use the **Conclusions Worksheet** to tell what you have found out.

Name of Cemetery:	Location:
Boundaries (location and how it is marked):	Age (when cemetery was founded):
Religious Affiliation(s):	Ethnic Group(s):
Check the features you see: ___ Fences ___ Paths ___ Paved drives ___ Chapel ___ Other buildings ___ Plantings ___ Shrubs ___ Fresh flowers on graves ___ Artificial flowers on graves ___ Photographs on headstones ___ Personal mementos on graves such as stuffed animals, food, or candy (describe below) ___ Stones, shells, or other natural objects on graves ___ Writing other than English on gravestones ___ Countries of Origin noticed on gravestones ___ Symbols and figures observed ___ Other (list below)	
Describe personal mementos or other findings:	



Directions: Select four graves from this graveyard and record the following data for each:

Name of deceased				
Birth and death dates				
Age at time of death				
Birthplace and place of death				
Same surname on nearby graves				
Gender				
Epitaph				



Symbols (statues, religious signs, organizational insignia)				
Style of stone (tablet, obelisk, block, and slab)				
Adornments (flowers, military markers, pictures, etc.)				
Graveyard traditions (flags on national holidays, grave cleanings, and so on)				

Check the activities you did: ___ Mapping ___ Photographing ___ Grave drawing ___ Recording data