



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:	Age:
Religious Affiliation:	Ethnic Group:
Check the features you see: <input type="checkbox"/> Fences <input type="checkbox"/> Paths <input type="checkbox"/> Paved drives <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel <input type="checkbox"/> Other buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Plantings <input type="checkbox"/> Shrubs <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh flowers on graves <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial flowers on graves <input type="checkbox"/> Photographs on headstones <input type="checkbox"/> Personal mementos on graves such as stuffed animals, food, or candy (describe below) <input type="checkbox"/> Stones, shells, or other natural objects on graves <input type="checkbox"/> Writing other than English on gravestones <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list below)	
Describe personal mementos or other findings:	



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

<b>Name of deceased</b>				
<b>Birth and death dates</b>				
<b>Age at time of death</b>				
<b>Same surname on nearby graves</b>				
<b>Gender</b>				
<b>Epitaph</b>				
<b>Symbols (statues, religious signs, organizational insignia)</b>				



<b>Style of stone (tablet, obelisk, block, and slab)</b>				
<b>Adornments (flowers, military markers, pictures, etc.)</b>				
<b>Graveyard traditions (flags on national holidays, grave cleanings, and so on)</b>				

Check the activities you did: \_\_\_ Mapping \_\_\_ Photographing \_\_\_ Grave rubbing \_\_\_ Recording data