

**MG Assignment:** Pressed Green Weeds

**Note: Due October 4<sup>th</sup>** (may turn in earlier)

**To Press a Plant:**

Take several sheets (4-5 sheets) of newspaper and 2 paper towels. Place your plant (with flower or seed head and root) in between the paper towels. Knock any dirt off and blot any moisture. Put the weed and paper towels between the sheets of newspaper. Carefully open up any curled leaves prior to pressing. Any seeds or fruits too large to press, cut off and dry separately without pressing. Bend the plant in half if it doesn't fit on an 8 x 11 piece of paper. (If the weed is extra-large, get a larger piece of paper.) Place the enclosed plant on a flat surface with plenty of heavy books on top. Check how well the specimen is drying every other day. Once the plant is pressed and dried, tape or glue it to a piece of white paper and attach that paper to a piece of cardboard for support. Cut out the forms below, fill out and attach one to the back of each pressed weed's cardboard.

Check out weed books or the Internet to see if you can find your weeds. If you do not know the name of your weeds, fill out as much of the forms as you can. Bring both pressed weeds to class.

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Common plant name:

Scientific name:

annual                       biennial                       perennial

Size: height \_\_\_\_\_ width \_\_\_\_\_

woody                       herbaceous

Type of root system:               fibrous                       taproot                       other

Flower: color \_\_\_\_\_

Location found (Ex: garden, lawn, pasture) \_\_\_\_\_

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