



EXPEDITION

1.5 Handout for 1.4

Each participant is required to be involved in the production of an account of the qualifying journey and purpose. You can do this individually or with other members of the group. You can choose a written, oral, dramatic, artistic, photographic, video or any other style of presentation. You can choose whether you want this account to be assessed by your expedition assessor, supervisor, tutor or any other adult providing he/she has been involved with the qualifying venture. It is important that you decide the style of presentation and assessor BEFORE the expedition begins.

■ Recording the journey

On your venture you will need to carry a notebook or small tape recorder to refer to when you prepare your report afterwards. In addition, you may find it useful to take a camera or sketch pad and pencil to record your observations. Remember to record what happens, what you see and your feelings. You may also wish to record natural sounds of the countryside as well. Pencils work best in wet weather! Keep this equipment readily available and build in time on your route card for your purpose work and recording.

Some of the things you might include in your record are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• conditions experienced• weather• camp site• amusing incidents• observations along the route• navigational problems• how did the cooking turn out?• how well did the group get on? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• who did you meet?• how did your timings work out?• how did your equipment stand up to the venture?• what advice would you give another group?• what have you learnt about yourself?• what have you learnt about other members of the group? |
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■ Recording of the purpose

The Award requires you to make first-hand recordings and investigations for the purpose. No-one wants you to quote large amounts from text books and guide books. Interviews, photographs and sketches all help to make this part of your report interesting and personal. Interpret your observations thoughtfully, e.g. why have you seen so many of that type? What is the history of what you saw? How was it used?

■ Presentation of report

On completion of your qualifying venture you need to negotiate with the assessor of your report, the timescale (and possibly the place) within which your report is to be completed. (This is normally within 6-12 weeks). It is important to prepare your report as soon as possible after the venture so you don't forget anything. However you choose to present your report IT MUST BE WELL PREPARED. If the report has been jointly prepared you need to make it obvious to the assessor who has contributed which parts.