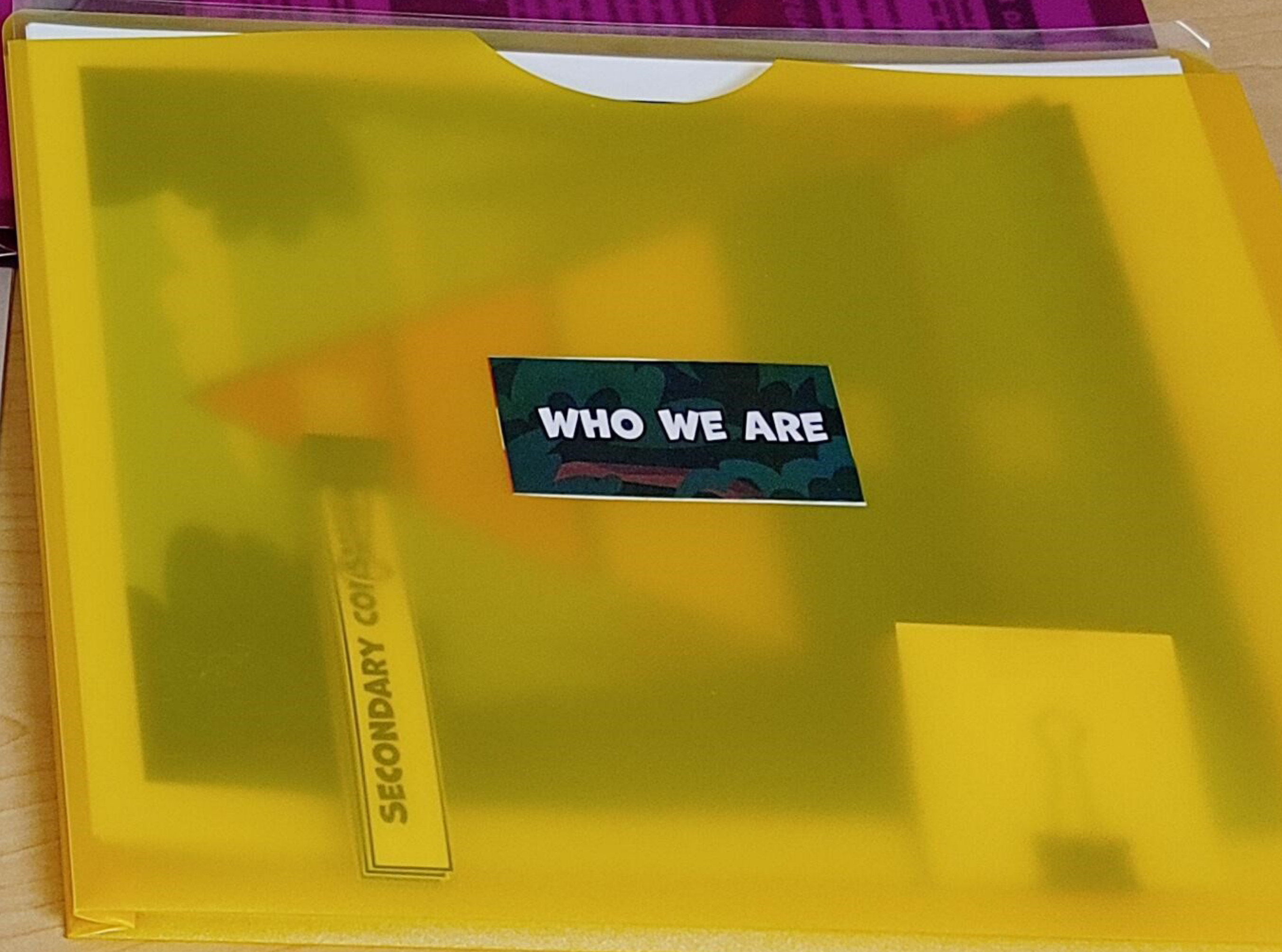
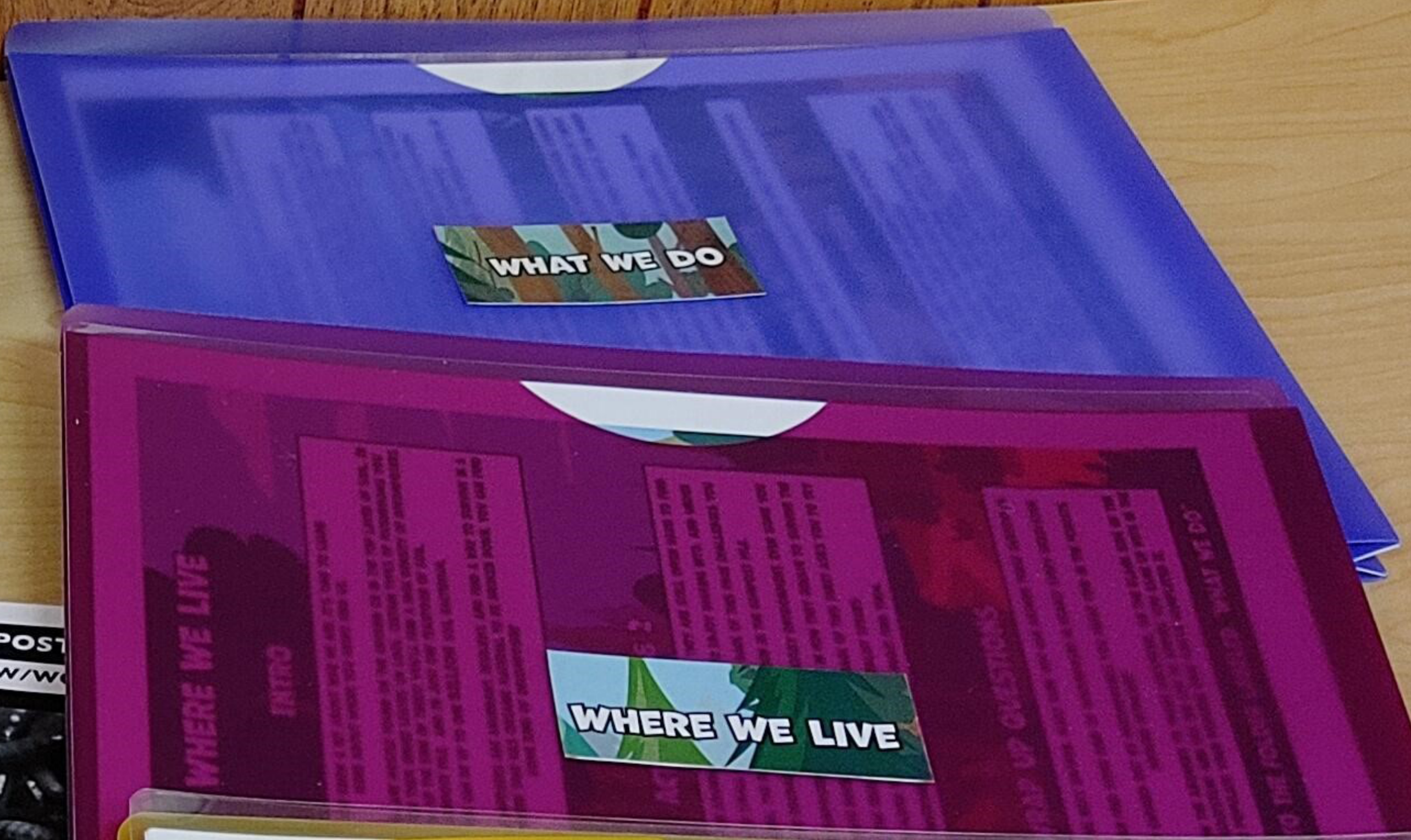


CITY OF SPOKANE

DECOMPOSER EDUCATION KIT



INTRODUCTION

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN OUT IN NATURE AND LOOKED UNDERNEATH A LOG, OR ROCK, AND SEEN ALL THE CRITTERS THAT CALL THAT PLACE HOME? HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS TO ALL THOSE LEAVES THAT FALL TO THE GROUND ON THE FOREST FLOOR? OR WHAT GOES ON IN A COMPOST PILE?

THERE'S A VERY SPECIAL TYPE OF CRITTER THAT'S INVOLVED WITH ALL OF THOSE THINGS AND WE CALL THEM **"DECOMPOSERS"**.

BUT WHAT IS A DECOMPOSER, AND WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT THEY DO? WITH THIS KIT YOU'LL LEARN ALL ABOUT SOME OF THE DIFFERENT SPECIES AND TYPES OF DECOMPOSERS, WHAT THEY DO, AND HOW THEY FIT INTO THE ECOSYSTEMS ALL AROUND US.

THIS KIT CONTAINS THREE FOLDERS LABELED

1. "WHO WE ARE"
2. "WHERE WE LIVE" AND
3. "WHAT WE DO"

YOU'LL WORK YOUR WAY THROUGH THEM IN THAT ORDER, COMPLETING THE ACTIVITIES WITHIN AND CREATING A PICTURE OF YOUR OWN.

AFTER YOU'VE GONE THROUGH ALL THREE FOLDERS, YOU'LL FIND ONE FINAL WRAP-UP ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET. YOU CAN ALSO FIND AN ANSWER SHEET THERE.

BUT DON'T PEEK BEFORE YOU DO THE ACTIVITIES!

ALSO INCLUDED IS A GUIDE TO SOME VOCABULARY WORDS THAT MIGHT BE NEW TO YOU, IF YOU ENCOUNTER A WORD OR TERM YOU'VE NEVER HEARD BEFORE, CHECK THE PAGE AND SEE IF IT'S LISTED THERE.

FOR THIS KIT YOU NEED: A PIECE OF PAPER AND SOME KIND OF WRITING UTENSIL (COLORS IF YOU WANT).

NOW OPEN THE FOLDER LABELED "WHO WE ARE" AND START YOUR INVESTIGATION!

