Nonfiction

Souvenirs

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Have you ever bought a souvenir to remind you of a place you've visited? After you finish your nonfiction book, you'll choose four important places or events from it. For each place or event, you will explain its importance and design a souvenir.

Materials:

1. 3 X 5 index cards (or paper cut to that size)
2. white drawing paper
3. colored pencils

Directions:

1. Find a nonfiction book that interests you and is at an appropriate reading level for you. Have your book approved by your teacher.

Book Title: _____
Author: _____

2. List the important places and events in the book. Write a sentence about each, explaining why it is important. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need more room.

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3. Circle the four items on the list that you feel are the most important in the book. Design a souvenir to represent each of the circle items. Think about the souvenirs you have seen in gift shops: t-shirts, key chains, paperweights, mugs, magnets, statuettes, postcards, water bottles, bumper stickers, and so on. Sketch your design and then draw and color a final copy. Draw each souvenir on a separate piece of paper.

4. Next, consider the following questions: Why did you choose the four items that you circled? What did you learn about them in your book? Why are they

important to remember? Why should others learn about them? How do your souvenirs represent the places or events that you choose? Write a paragraph that explains the significance of each souvenir.

5. Revise each paragraph and then copy a final version onto an index card (one index card per souvenir).