

00 / PERMISSION TO WANDER

FOLLOW THE INTERESTING THING.



A visitor-oriented field manual for the curious, the uncertain and the people who would rather understand something than simply rank it.

Twelve compact practices. Six connected frequencies. Each practice points to one of the 24 on-site questions and a real related work. Work through them in any order, keep what helps, and leave the rest.

THE READING PACT

A published website is not proof of a theory. A meaningful feeling is not a diagnosis. A prototype is not a peer-reviewed study. Curious experiments can be useful without pretending to establish more than they do.

01 / READING MAP

Six frequencies.

No entrance exam.

01 BEHAVIOUR

Why do people do what they do?

02 CONNECTION

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03 MAKING

Can an idea become a place?

04 LEARNING

What is growth without a scoreboard?

05 MEANING

What counts as a life well lived?

06 SENSES

What if thought had a scent?

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Pick one practice. Write a five-minute response. Open the linked question and project only if they help you go further. Review your original answer after one week.

The work is an invitation, not a performance review.

01 / BEHAVIOUR

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Why do people do what they do?

01

Describe the act, not the identity

Write a concrete action you intended, including place and time. Contrast the act with the self-label you initially used. Which description is testable?

Watch-out: A behavioural observation is not a diagnosis.

QUESTION 01 / What did I intend to do, and what actually happened?

RELATED WORLD / The Human Behaviour Lab

02

Locate one point of friction

Trace the steps between intention and execution. Mark one material, social, attentional or emotional obstacle. Name an intervention you could reverse.

Watch-out: Avoid claiming the barrier is always internal.

QUESTION 02 / Which part of my environment made the action easier or harder?

RELATED WORLD / The Agency Project

Suggested pace: 5 minutes writing + optional exploration.

02 / CONNECTION

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What do we owe each other?

03

Replace mind-reading with observation

Write what you actually observed in an interaction, then what you inferred. Circle statements that cannot be verified without asking.

Watch-out: Respect privacy and consent; don't use the exercise to interrogate anyone.

QUESTION 05 / What care can be observed rather than merely assumed?

RELATED WORLD / The Reciprocity Lab

04

Name a quiet expectation

Complete: 'I was hoping for...'. Ask whether the expectation was ever shared or agreed to. Consider a low-pressure clarification.

Watch-out: An expectation does not create an obligation.

QUESTION 06 / What expectation have I not made explicit?

RELATED WORLD / Good Company

Suggested pace: 5 minutes writing + optional exploration.

03 / MAKING

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Can an idea become a place?

05

Prototype the smallest useful thing

State what a visitor should understand or be able to do after two minutes. Prototype exactly that interaction. Observe the point of confusion.

Watch-out: A working demo does not establish a general theory.

QUESTION 09 / What could I turn into a tiny experiment this afternoon?

RELATED WORLD / SYNAPSE

06

Find a metaphor's breaking point

Pick a metaphor you love. Write what it clarifies, what it conceals and an example where it fails. Revise its claim.

Watch-out: Poetry and evidence do different jobs.

QUESTION 10 / Which metaphor becomes misleading when made literal?

RELATED WORLD / World Engine

Suggested pace: 5 minutes writing + optional exploration.

04 / LEARNING

LEARNING

What is growth without a scoreboard?

07 Teach without jargon

Explain one difficult concept in five ordinary sentences. Give an example and a counterexample. Then invite a question you cannot yet answer.

Watch-out: Simplicity should not erase important qualifiers.

QUESTION 14 / Can I teach this concept without using its jargon?

RELATED WORLD / The Future of Education

08 Give an error a job

Choose an error that taught you something. Record the old rule, the counterevidence and the new strategy available now.

Watch-out: Errors can inform you without defining your worth.

QUESTION 15 / Which mistake revealed a missing assumption?

RELATED WORLD / Lifelong Learning Lab

Suggested pace: 5 minutes writing + optional exploration.

05 / MEANING

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09

Audit your applause

Imagine the visible metrics disappeared for a month. List three activities you would still value and why. Separate public rewards from private reasons.

Watch-out: Recognition is useful; it is simply not the whole aim.

QUESTION 18 / What would still matter if nobody could applaud it?

RELATED WORLD / The Art of Being Human

10

Notice an ordinary good

Record one unremarkable moment you appreciated. Describe it plainly, without selling it as a productivity hack or a life breakthrough.

Watch-out: Not every moment needs to produce an outcome.

QUESTION 19 / What ordinary moment have I been treating as a waiting room?

RELATED WORLD / Consciousness: the Inquiry

Suggested pace: 5 minutes writing + optional exploration.

06 / SENSES

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11

Test a sensory assumption

Describe what a piece of music, a fragrance or an image seems to mean. List two alternative readings and one observation that could challenge your favourite interpretation.

Watch-out: A meaningful association is not proof of the underlying story.

QUESTION 24 / What can art explore without pretending to prove?

RELATED WORLD / The Psychology of Scent

12

Translate a sense carefully

Choose a scent, song or texture and describe a memory it evokes. Split the observation, emotional association and story you now tell.

Watch-out: Evoked memories are not automatically accurate evidence.

QUESTION 21 / What memory does this imagined scent bring closer or further away?

RELATED WORLD / The argument for scent

Suggested pace: 5 minutes writing + optional exploration.

07 / OBSERVATION LOG

THE LEARNING TRACE

A final page for noticing what changed, without transforming the experience into a score.

I began with the question...

My first interpretation was...

The evidence or example I used was...

An alternative explanation worth considering is...

What changed in my understanding was...

One question I will keep is...

There is no certificate at the end of curiosity.

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