

FREE things to do in Raleigh to build schema:

Walk on the Green Way

- discuss vocabulary such as ecosystem, habitat, producer, consumer, adaptation
- ask, "what is the relationship between living things and their environment?"
- look for some evidence of erosion or weathering (especially if there is a stream or river running through the greenway).
- look for metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous rocks
- try to spot animals that are using camouflage

Visit the North Carolina Museum of Art

210 Blue Ridge Road

Raleigh, NC 27607-6494

- find paintings that depict weather: clouds, precipitation, storms
- look at paintings that show animals in habitats or specific ecosystems
- find shapes in paintings: triangle, rectangle, square, pentagon, hexagon
- look for patterns
- look for mathematical values such as "more than" and "less than"
- ask your child to infer what is happening in the painting
- ask your child what they see, what they think, what they wonder

Visit the North Carolina Museum of History

5 E Edenton Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

- search the exhibits for evidence of manufacturing, migration, urban community, rural community
- look for evidence of being a citizen, having (or not having) rights, democracy
- look for entrepreneurs, supply and demand, producers and consumers
- explorers, NC settlement, colony, Native American culture, American Revolution
- immigrant, pioneer
- Confederacy, Reconstruction, Union

Search by grade level and subject

http://nchistoryresources.org/curriculum_search.html

Visit the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

11 W Jones Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

- look for animals and adaptations in their habitats.
- ask your child to spot producers, consumers, decomposers
- make a weather prediction
- look for sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock
- compare various multi and unicellular organisms

Visit the North Carolina State Farmer's Market

1201 Agriculture Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

- check out seasonal produce grown in North Carolina
- sample various fruits and vegetables
- supply and demand
- entrepreneurship

Visit the City of Raleigh Museum

220 Fayetteville Street

Raleigh, NC 27601

- rotating exhibits focusing on Raleigh, past and present

Visit Oakview Park

4028 Carya Drive

Raleigh, NC 27610

- explore the plantation, built in 1855
- discuss slavery, plantations, Civil War, Reconstruction

Other Places to Visit to Build Schema:

- Morehead Planetarium and Science Center (\$7.68 per person)
- Prairie Ridge Ecostation
- Durham Museum of Life and Science (\$16 per adult, \$1 per child)
- Marbles Children's Museum (\$5 per person)
- Pullen Park (\$1 per ticket to ride the attractions)
- Sarah P. Duke Gardens
- Various Wake County Public Libraries

Weblinks for building schema:

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/education/studentactivities.html>

This is a link to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. The site has web activities for students to explore grouped by topic.

<http://www.wakegov.com/libraries/events/Pages/kids.aspx>

This is a link to FREE events at surrounding public libraries.