



# **The Aravalian 2014-15**

**THE TRAVELLER'S  
TRAIL...**



**“ IN ANY FIELD, FIND  
THE STRANGEST THING  
AND THEN EXPLORE IT.”**



# What to write about?

As an explorer of the unknown world around you, write about

- ✓ events
- ✓ people
- ✓ food
- ✓ places
- ✓ things
- ✓ animals and plants
- ✓ films
- ✓ music
- ✓ books
- ✓ hobbies
- ✓ photographs
- ✓ anything else that grabs your attention



**“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste it, to experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.”**

**- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**



# How To Be An Explorer

1. Always be **LOOKING** (notice the ground beneath your feet.)
2. Consider everything alive & animate
3. **EVERYTHING** is interesting. Look closer.
4. **ALTER** your course often.
5. Observe for long durations (and short ones).
6. **NOTICE** the stories going on around you.
7. Notice **PATTERNS**. Make **CONNECTIONS**.
8. **DOCUMENT** your findings (field notes) in a variety of ways.
9. **OBSERVE** movement.
10. Create a personal **DIALOGUE** with your environment. Talk to it.
11. Trace things back to their **ORIGINS**.
12. Use **ALL** of the senses in your investigations.



## WHAT CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

- ✓ ARTICLES
- ✓ STORIES
- ✓ POEMS
- ✓ DIARY ENTRIES
- ✓ INTERVIEWS
- ✓ ESSAYS
- ✓ PARAGRAPHS
- ✓ LETTERS
- ✓ SKETCHES
- ✓ PICTURES/POSTERS/COLLAGES
- ✓ RECEPIES



## WHAT SHOULD THE STYLE OF WRITING BE?

✓ BE ORIGINAL-COPYING FROM THE INTERNET AND FROM MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS IS NOT MUCH LIKE A WRITER!

✓ RESEARCH THOROUGHLY

✓ DIVIDE YOUR PIECE INTO AN INTRODUCTION, A BODY AND A CONCLUSION, OR INTO DISTINCTIVE STANZAS



- ✓ **BE DESCRIPTIVE, INTERESTING AND LIVELY.**
- ✓ **USE LOTS OF IMAGERY, SYMBOLS, PERSONIFICATION, SIMILES AND METAPHORS WHEREVER YOU CAN**
- ✓ **GIVE A CATCHY TITLE TO YOUR WORK**
- ✓ **REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR NAME AND CLASS AT THE END OF YOUR PIECE**



# HOW TO GO ABOUT IT?

- ✓ TALK TO PEOPLE
- ✓ RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET
- ✓ VISIT PLACES
- ✓ USE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES
- ✓ WATCH T.V
- ✓ FOLLOW FM CHANNELS
- ✓ READ REPORTS/ARTICLES IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES
- ✓ ABOVE ALL, OBSERVE AND ABSORB



# WHEN TO BEGIN?

NOW !!

- ✓ FORM GROUPS
- ✓ CHOSE A TOPIC AND BOOK IT FOR YOURSELF
- ✓ WRITE ON YOUR OWN
- ✓ ASK YOUR PARENTS, SIBLINGS, RELATIVES TO HELP YOU- GET THEIR OPINIONS AND USE IT AS RAW MATERIAL



## BEFORE YOU START, REMEMBER...

You have to dream big. Don't allow thoughts of limitations and excuses as to why those dreams can't come true enter your head. Just dream your wildest dream. Tell that genie exactly what it is you desire.

There are two very important steps you must undertake when dreaming

- Say Yes to the Dream
- Understand that you deserve it.



## Where to send what you create..?

Remember to stay focused and not to lose hope. There are teachers who will guide you and help you polish your work once it is prepared.

You may email your creations at :

✓ [ruchitafs@gmail.com](mailto:ruchitafs@gmail.com)

✓ [mithunsarkar1@gmail.com](mailto:mithunsarkar1@gmail.com)

Alternatively, you may also hand over the hard copy of your work to Ms Ruchi Gupta or to Ms Mithun Sarkar.



Happy Writing!