**Creative Writing Activity**

**For the Brookings Wetlands**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Use the answers to the observation worksheet to fill in the blanks on this page.**

**The best part about the 6th Grade is the field trip to the Brookings Wetlands at the “Old Landfill”. I’ll never forget the 1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that we saw when we first arrived at the ponds. Learning about water quality, biomes, and plants and animals was the purpose of the trip, but I thought it was 2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I know there are 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the ponds because I 4.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_their 5.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The water quality at the ponds by the old landfill is 6.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The water in the ponds reminded me of 7.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Under the microscope I observed water from the ponds. There were tiny organisms that look like 8.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Most of the area around the ponds is covered with 9.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**My senses were alive at Oak Lake. I smelled 10.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that reminded me of 11.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Wildflowers dot the landscape at the ponds. One particular flower I saw was 12.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with 13.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , 14.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ petals. I would name this flower 15.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because it reminds me of 16.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Walking through a tall grass prairie, I can imagine how the first people to live here felt about this place. The grass feels like 17.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as I walk. Even my taste buds can experience nature. The air tastes 18.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like 19.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**If I were an animal at the ponds I would like to be a 20.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I would make my home in the 21.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and all day long I would 22.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My voice would be 23.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I would eat 24.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and 25.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the 26.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**