

Powers of Place Awareness Questions

Noticing geography and natural environment

1. What is the topography of this place?
2. What are the natural elements (water, rock, fire, etc.)?
3. Do you notice any smells? Colors? Textures? Sounds?
4. Is there animal life?
5. What is the vegetation like?
6. Why rhythm or pace do you experience in this place?
7. What is the weather?

Noticing design, configuration and contents

1. Is the room comfortable for the size of the group?
2. What is the room or building's shape?
3. How is the furniture arranged?

Noticing aesthetics and beauty

1. Do you consider the place beautiful? How so?
2. Do you think others consider the place beautiful? How do you know?
3. How does the place's beauty (or lack thereof) make you feel?

Noticing history, meaning, and intent

1. What is the history of this place? What happened here?
2. Does this history hold any special meaning for you or for the group?
3. Do you know what the founders or builders wanted to achieve for this place?

Noticing physical energy

1. Did you feel (in your body) anything that seems to be coming from the place or surroundings you are in? How would you describe it?
2. What meaning do you ascribe to this physical feeling?
3. Do you think others feel something too?

Noticing wholeness

1. Does this place feel separate and apart from other places or aspects of your life or does it feel a part of something larger?

Noticing relationship

1. Are there any special feelings you have for this place, either positive or negative? Why?
2. What do you think this particular place's role will or has been for your gathering?