

Beyond the Classroom: Sacred Strangers Visitor Worksheet

Name: _____ Period: _____

Place visited: _____

Occasion: _____ Date of visit: _____

What were your feelings as you arrived?

What did you notice about the place? What elements (floorplan, furniture, decorations, etc.) did you notice in particular? Did these elements make you feel welcome . . . intimidated . . . intrigued?

What did you notice about the people? Were they welcoming? Distant? Absorbed in their own experience? How did that make you feel?

What did you notice about the service / ritual / experience? What was the language used? Were there gestures or postures? Was there a worship aid or guide to explain what was happening? Did everything seem utterly foreign to your experience or were there points of connection to other experiences you have had?

Who did you speak to during the course of your visit? What questions did you ask? What did you learn? What questions do you still have? Why didn't you ask them?

What were your feelings as you left? How was this an experience of the sacred? What did this experience teach you?