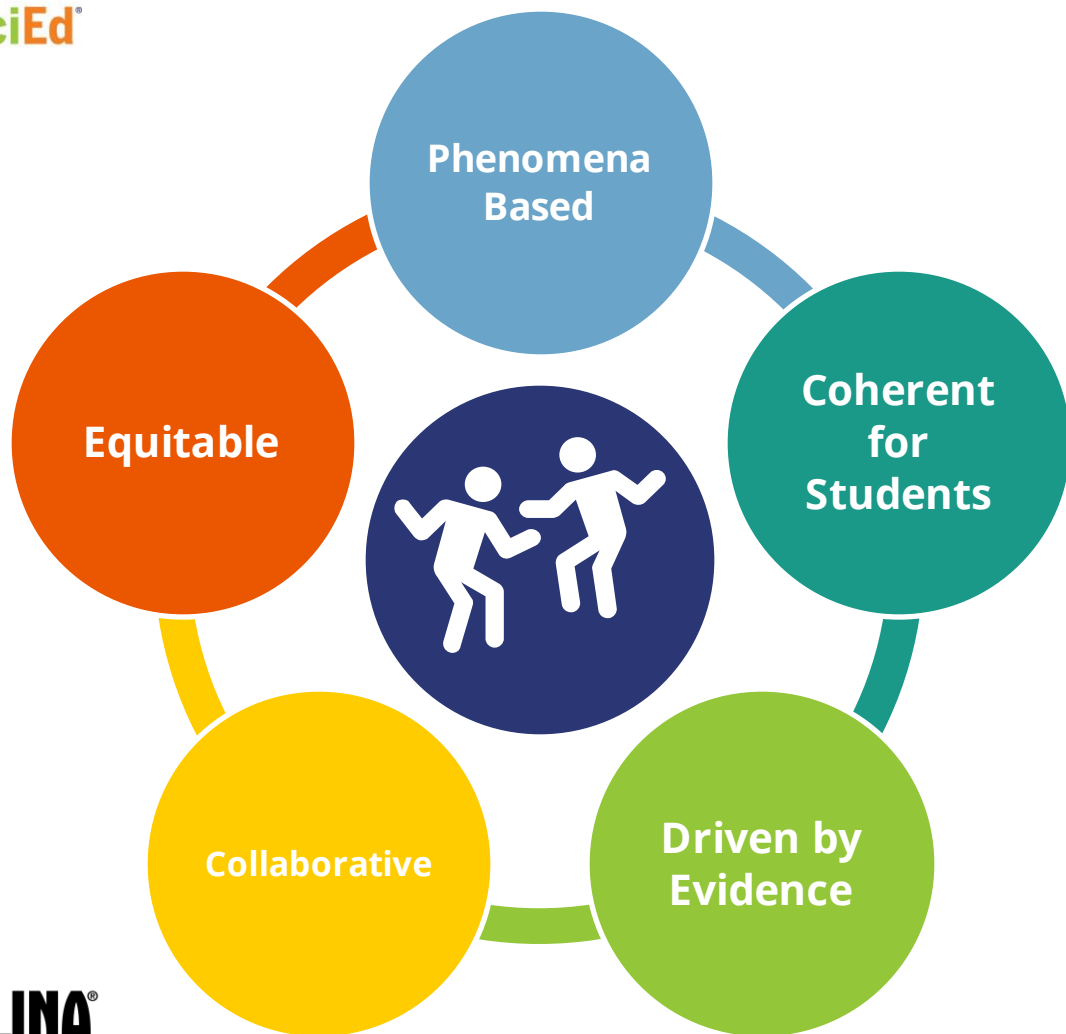




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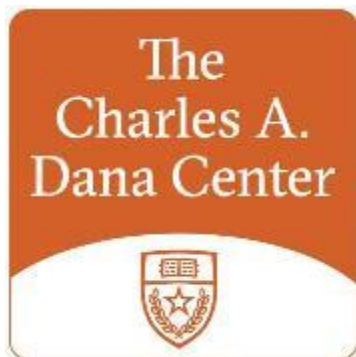
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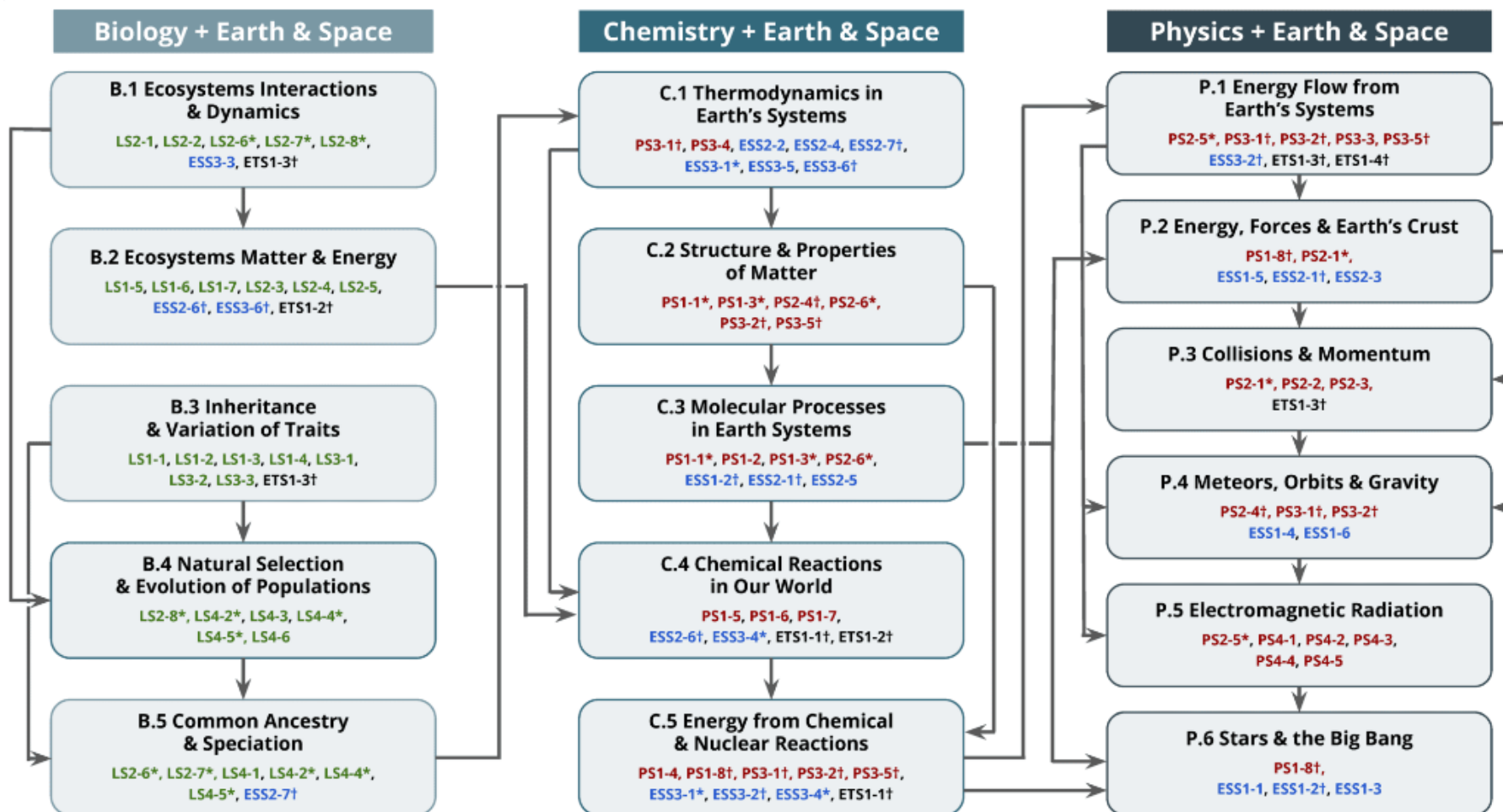
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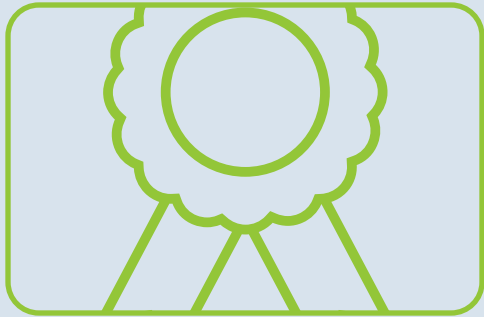


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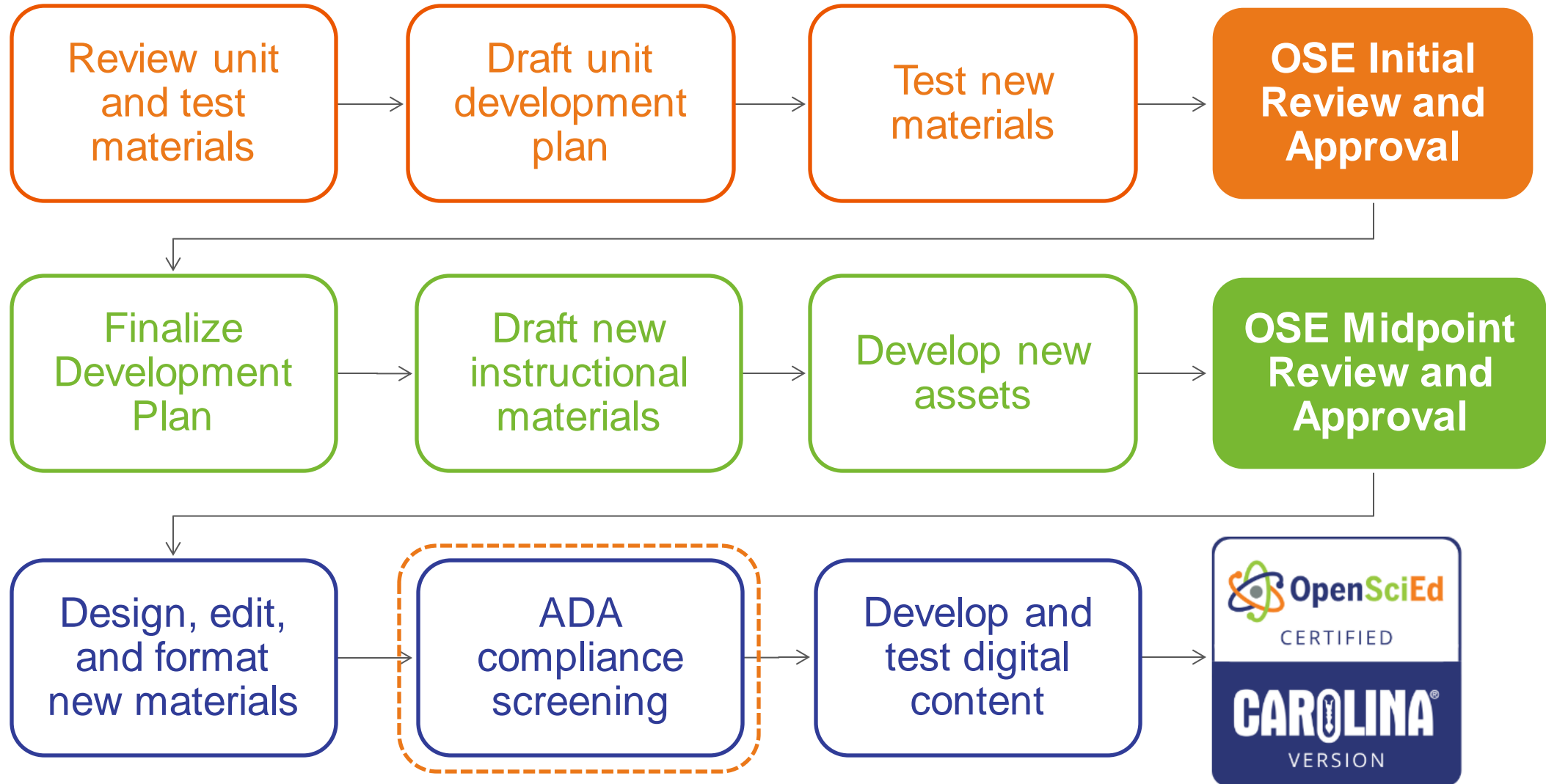
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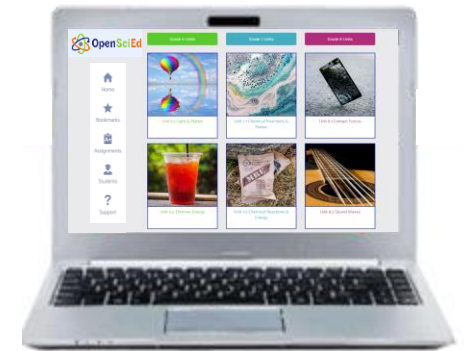
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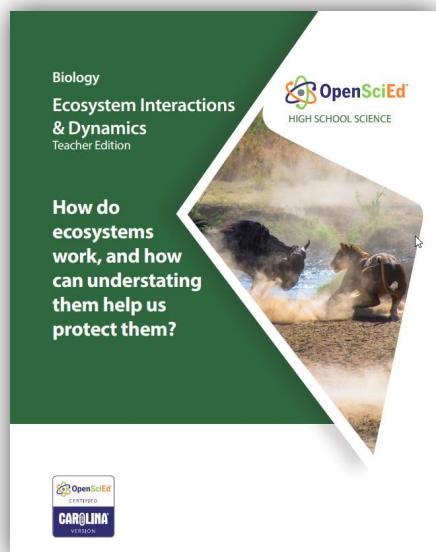




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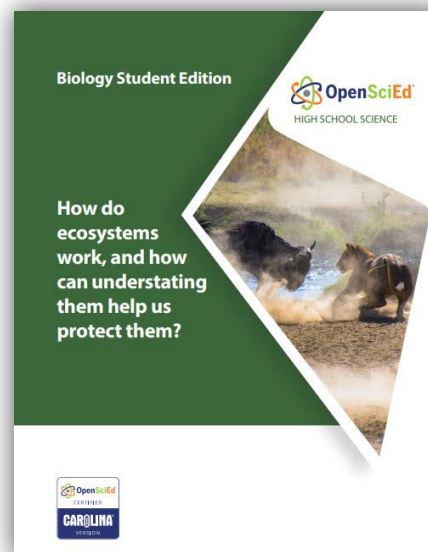


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3 • CO-CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

10 min

MATERIALS: *Community Agreements*

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Display slide G. Direct students to stop and jot their responses to these prompts in their notebooks:^{*}

- What are you hoping to get out of this class?
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 - ▶ build a community?
 - ▶ accomplish our goals, both as individuals and as a class?
- How can we plan to address these barriers?

Develop community agreements. Distribute *Community Agreements* to each student and give them some individual time to fill in their ideas. Then discuss as a class and build a class set of agreements together.

ALTERNATE ACTIVITY

When setting up learning community agreements, students should understand how agreements help everyone in the community to know what is expected of them. Here are two approaches to setting up community agreements:

- Co-construct agreements with students (the default approach using *Community Agreements* or something similar). Explain what agreements are and why we need them for productive science talk and classroom culture. Have students co-construct agreements. As the teacher, you can add agreements that may be missing from the list. Be sure to explain to students how you think the agreement you added is helpful so that they are clear about why you are adding it to the list.
- Give students a set of agreements as a starting point (the alternate approach). Share a set of community agreements with students and provide space for students to edit or add to the agreements if they believe something is missing.

Consider the following questions, which can help you determine which approach is best for your situation:

- Do you want students to participate in co-constructing the agreements?
- Do you want the same set of agreements for every section of science you teach?
- Do you want to work with your team teachers to establish a shared set of agreements for students across all your classes?
- What kinds of consequences will you enforce if students do not follow the agreements?

4 • FACILITATE AN INITIAL IDEAS DISCUSSION ABOUT CONSERVATION CRITERIA

10 min

MATERIALS: science notebook, whiteboard or chart paper, chart paper markers

Facilitate an Initial Ideas Discussion. ^{**} Display slide H. Call on one group to share their list of criteria and publically record it on the whiteboard. Ask each additional group to indicate which criteria they have in common by adding a checkmark next to that criteria and add any new criteria to the list.

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BIOLOGY

Lesson 1

LEARNING PLAN

3 Co-Construct Community Agreements 10 min.

Materials

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LEARNING PLAN for LESSON 1

1 · INTRODUCE PHENOMENON-BASED LEARNING AND THE 30 BY 30 INITIATIVE

12 min

MATERIALS: science notebook, 30 by 30 Initiative, <https://youtu.be/dD3RRX48ods>

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Share additional data. Display slide B. Explain to students that a national survey of American voters was conducted, and the majority of voters support the 30 by 30 Initiative. Remind students that many other countries are also committing to this initiative. Although we are focused on US data, it is an international movement.

Introduce Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland. Display slide C. Explain to students that Secretary Haaland is in charge of the Department of the Interior. The Department of the Interior is responsible for protecting and managing natural resources and cultural heritage in the US.

Set up a Notice and Wonder chart and watch video. Display slide D. Direct students to create a T-chart on the first clean page of their science notebooks to record their notices and wonderings ★ as they watch a video Secretary Haaland made for Endangered Species Day. The video explains how the 30 by 30 Initiative plans to address issues related to protecting species. Play <https://youtu.be/dD3RRX48ods> and remind students to keep track of what they notice and wonder in their science notebooks.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

More information can be found about the Department of the Interior at <https://www.doi.gov/about> and about Secretary Haaland <https://www.doi.gov/secretary-deb-haaland>

Introduce a reading about the 30 by 30 Initiative. Display slide E. Instruct students to record what they notice and wonder in their science notebooks. Distribute 30 by 30 Initiative. ★ Give students time to read through the information on their own. Encourage them to mark up the reading using whatever strategy is in place in your classroom.

★ ATTENDING TO EQUITY

Supporting emergent multilinguals
Students should be encouraged to record their ideas using linguistic (e.g., written words) and nonlinguistic modes (e.g., photographs, drawings, tables, graphs, mathematical equations, measurements). This is especially important for emergent multilingual students because making connections between written words and nonlinguistic representations helps students generate richer explanations of scientific phenomena.

BIOLOGY

Lesson 1

LEARNING PLAN

1 Introduce Phenomenon-Based Learning and the 30 by 30 Initiative 12 min.

Materials

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- 30 by 30 Initiative
- Deb Haaland - Secretary of the Interior

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Simplified Investigations and Materials

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- All materials are tested to ensure safety, quality, and accuracy of investigations
- Some materials have been changed to simplify lab setups
- High-quality videos or teacher demonstrations are available to save time or address safety concerns (e.g., open flame)



B.1 Ecosystem Interactions & Dynamics



OER Resources:

- Resize and print Gameboard
- Print and cut out Event Cards
- Print and cut out game tokens

- ✓ Prepared materials
- ✓ Cut prep time
- ✓ Better storage option

6.1 Light & Matter



- Two banker boxes
- Teacher prep ~20 mins per group (2.5-3 hours total)

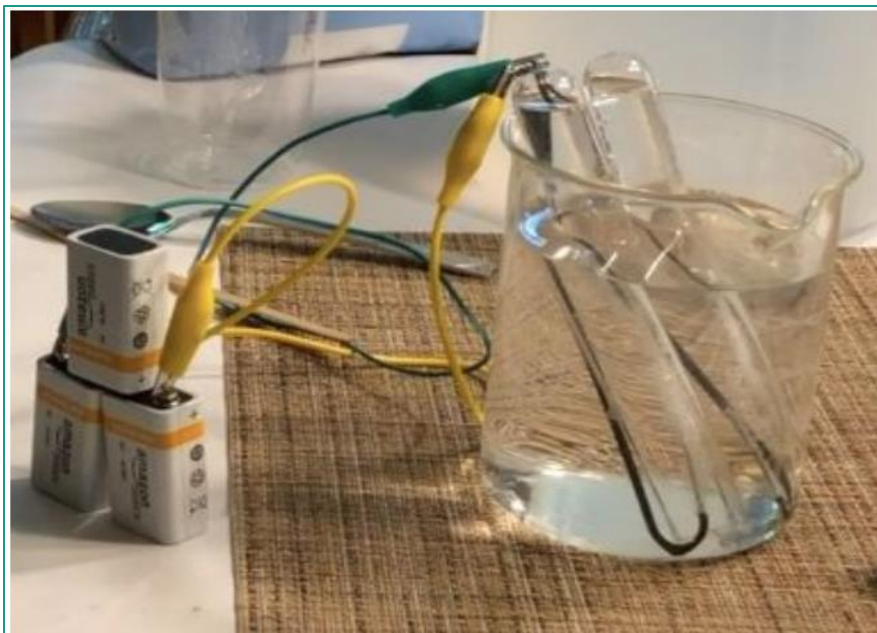


- One cardboard box
- Teacher prep ~10 mins per group; recommend that students do setup

- ✓ Fewer materials
- ✓ Cut prep time in half or more
- ✓ Better storage option



7.1 Chemical Reactions



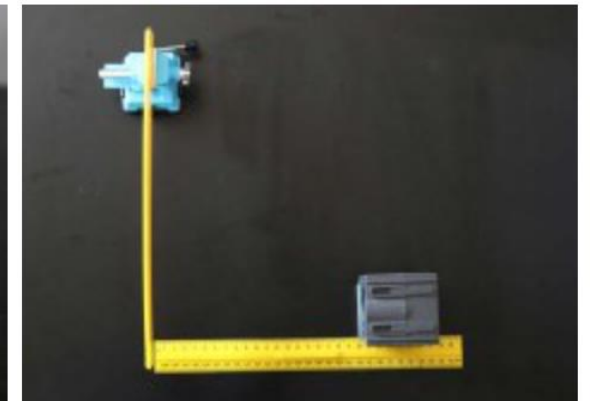
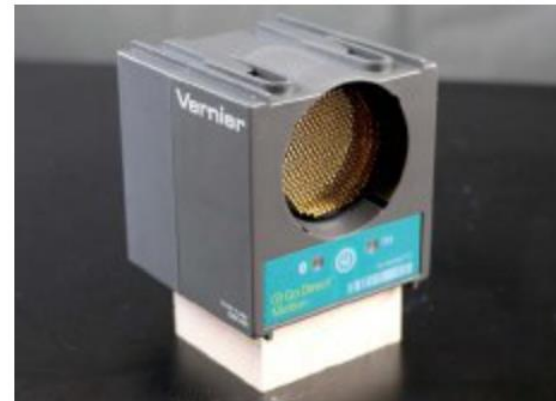
- Electrolysis setup made of expensive individual materials
- Difficult and time-consuming to set up



- Carolina® proprietary micro electrolysis apparatus

- ✓ Less expensive
- ✓ Set up in 5 mins

8.2 Sound Waves

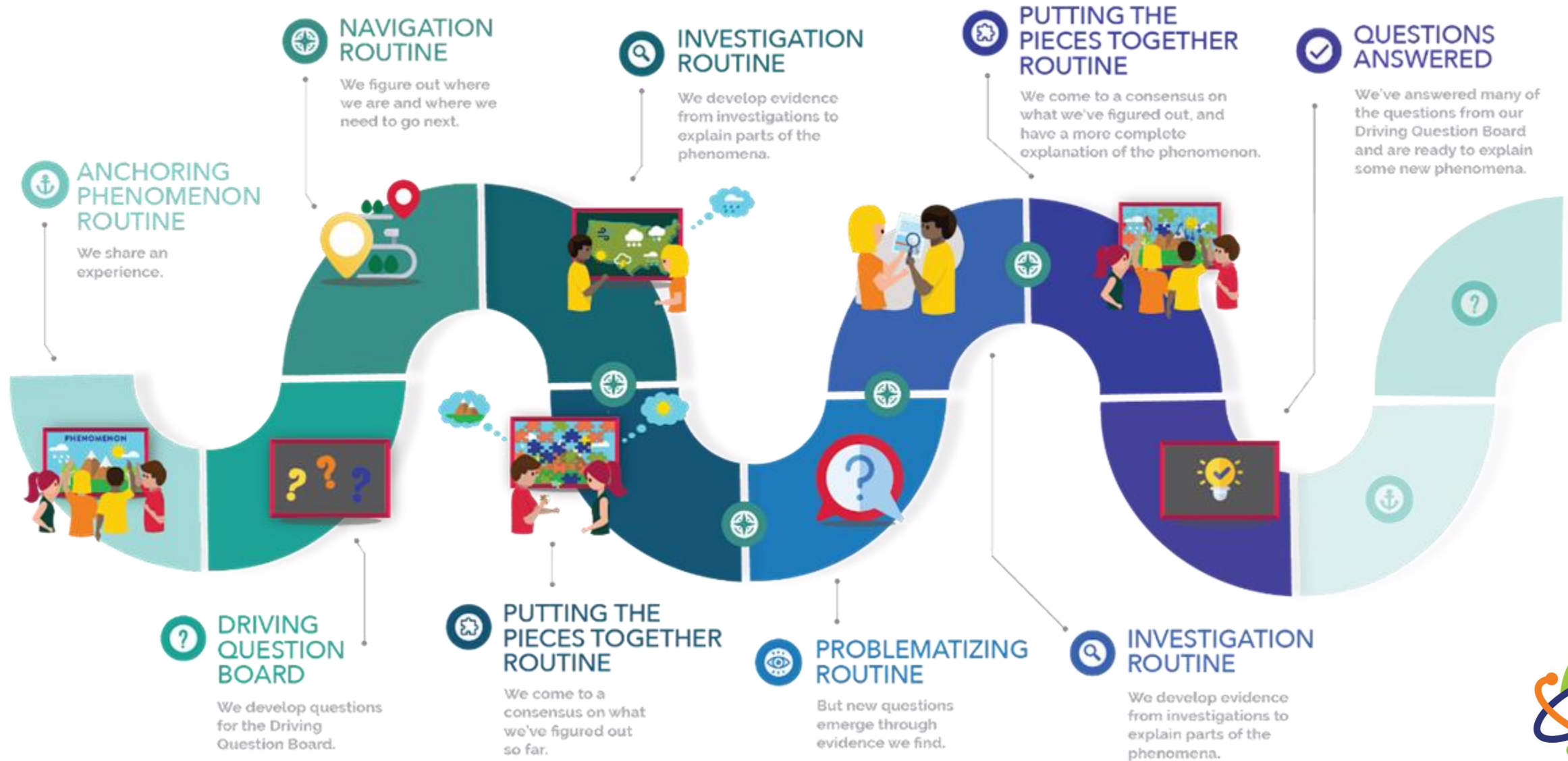


Instructional Routines

Each step is driven by student questions about the phenomenon.

Anchoring Phenomenon Routine	How do we kick off investigations in a unit?
Navigation Routine	How do we work with students to motivate the next step in an investigation?
Investigation Routine	How do we help students use practices to figure out pieces of the science ideas?
Putting the Pieces Together Routine	How do we help student put together pieces of the disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts?
Problematizing Routine	How do we push students to go deeper and revise their science ideas?

OpenSciEd Storyline Instructional Model



Anchoring Phenomenon



Noticings

- The bath bomb started breaking up and spreading out when it was in the water.
- Gas bubbles appeared when it was added to the water.
- Some bath bombs had an when added to the water.
- Some changed the color of +
- Some had no more solid vis after they were in the water a
- The temperature of the water down after the bath bomb was added to it.

Notice 🤖

On one side, the person/people see themselves (Light side)

See reflection on one side and not other side

Light on one side, dark on other side

Mirror from one side and window from other side

See through from only one side

Can't see through from mirror side

It works both ways

Wonder ? 🤖

If you stand closer, can you see through?

How is the mirror made?

How does it work?

What type of glass is it?

How does it switch with light?

Is there a special film on the mirror?

Does the distance matter?

Does the light matter?

Initial Model and Driving Question Board

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Mirror Window Phenomenon

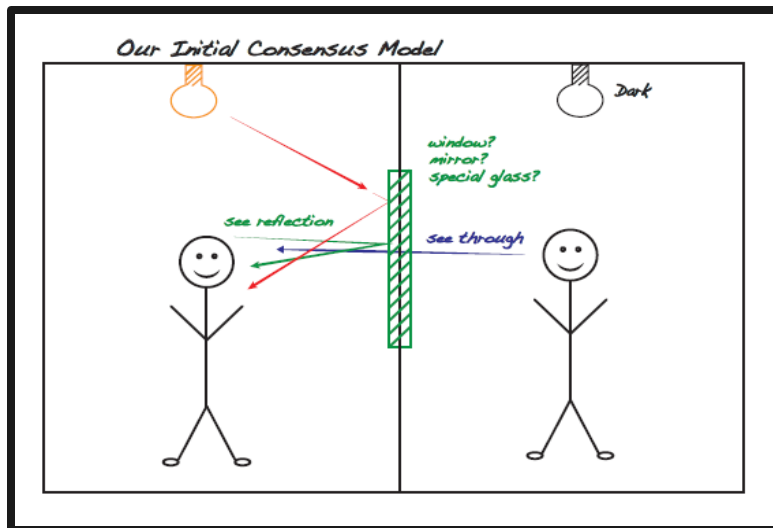
Video	Notice	Wonder
	The mirror works different ways	How is this mirror made?
	See reflection on one side, light on this side	Is it a special glass?
	dark on one side → see through	If someone stood close, would they see through?
		Why do they make this thing?
Box Model	• In room A there is reflection.	If I put the light in Room B will it be vice versa?
	• In room B you can see through.	How does it work?
	• Perfectly enclosed	
	• It matches the video	Why does the light change why it looks the way it does?
	One side is a mirror while the other side is like a window	How did people figure this out?

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Mirror Window Diagram

Why does the music student see themself and not the adults?

Why do the adults see the music student and not themselves?



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What happens if we change which room has the light on?

What is the material of the mirror/window?

How do objects change what we see?

A Lighter

B Darker

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Use Models FOR Exploration and Explanation



Related Phenomena

- *Tinted windows
- *Bubbles
- *Mirrors
- *Windows with dark on side you are not on.
- *Water
- *Sunglasses
- *Clear plastic wrap
- *Shiny Metal
- *goggles
- *Device Screen
- *Circus mirrors
- *Chromebook case
- *Store window

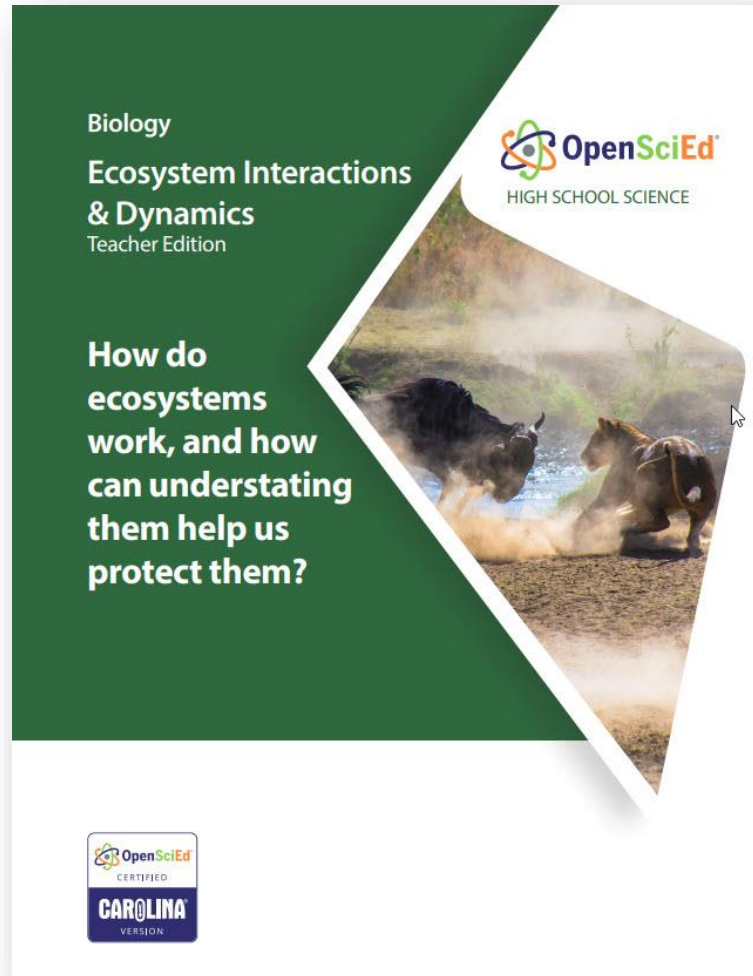
Co-develop norms for consensus-building discussion



1. **Respectful:** Our classroom is a safe space to share
2. **Equitable:** Everyone's participation and ideas are valuable
3. **Committed to our community:** We learn together
4. **Moving our science thinking forward:** We work to figure things out



Teacher Guide



Unit Storyline

UNIT STORYLINE

Unit B.1


Unit Storyline

Lesson Set 1: How do populations interact with components of ecosystems?

LESSON 1

Why do ecosystems need protection, and how are they protected?

Anchoring Phenomenon 4 days

Phenomenon or design problem	What we do and figure out	How we represent it
Lands and waters are protected in different ways based on different criteria.	We hear about a plan called the 30 by 30 Initiative designed to preserve land and water in the US and beyond. We brainstorm a list of criteria that motivate conservation. We look at examples of conservation and develop initial models of what happened in these places over time. We build a Driving Question Board and generate ideas for investigation. We figure out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the US and other countries, there is a plan to conserve 30% of lands and waters by 2030. Humans have different reasons for conserving lands and waters. Each system is composed of unique components and interactions that are affected by human interactions. We can look at ecosystems that have been protected to understand how to protect systems in the future. 	 <p>2020 12% 289 million protected acres</p> <p>Goal by 2030 30% 729 million protected acres</p> <p>National Park Service</p>

Navigation to Next Lesson: We figured out that people conserve places, lands, and waters for many different reasons and in many different ways. We wonder how we can use what we figured out about multiple ecosystems to understand how to conserve lands and waters across the US.

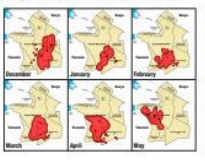
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UNIT STORYLINE

LESSON 2

What can other cases of conservation help us understand about ecosystems and conservation?

Investigation 2 days

Phenomenon or design problem	What we do and figure out	How we represent it
Serengeti National Park was created to protect the great animal migration route and has a history of complicated human interactions.	We watch a video and look at maps of the Serengeti ecosystem and read about the history of its conservation. We collect more information in a scavenger hunt. We create a consensus model and short explanation of why Serengeti National Park and surrounding reserves were created. We figure out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Serengeti is a unique ecosystem with high biodiversity, a unique large mammal migration, and endemic and endangered species. The great migration is unique, and the park was established in part to protect it. The great migration is dangerous, but the animals do it anyway. As a protected space, human decision-making about the Serengeti ecosystem has been motivated by many different points of view and priorities. 	 <p>Handwritten notes and diagrams illustrating the migration and conservation efforts.</p>

Navigation to Next Lesson: We figure out that Serengeti National Park and surrounding reserves were created to protect the migration of the wildebeest. We wonder why wildebeest go through such a long, dangerous migration.


UNIT STORYLINE

Unit B.1

LESSON 3

Why do the animals in the Serengeti migrate?

Investigation 2 days


Phenomenon or design problem	What we do and figure out	How we represent it
Wildebeest field data can be organized to find patterns to explain their migration.	We reflect on wildebeest migration and brainstorm why wildebeest migrate. We hear from a scientist about what he figured out from studying wildebeest. We look closer at wildebeest field data and organize it to look for patterns to explain wildebeest migration. We communicate what we figure out on data displays and co-construct a classroom consensus model to explain what we figured out about wildebeest migration. We figure out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some wildebeest are killed by predators, but most wildebeest die of starvation. Food is the main factor that motivates the migration pattern. 	 <p>Diagram illustrating the migration of wildebeest and the factors influencing it, including food and predators.</p>

Navigation to Next Lesson: We figure out that there is evidence that the wildebeest migration is caused by food. We have a lot of questions about this connection between food and wildebeest moving from location to location.

LESSON 4

How is food driving the wildebeest migration?

Investigation 3 days

Phenomenon or design problem	What we do and figure out	How we represent it
Factors such as rain affect wildebeest migration in the Serengeti.	We decide to investigate how food drives the migration. We hear from a scientist that rain is a good way to understand food, because it is a limiting factor that affects how much grass there can be. We figure out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a wet and a dry season in the Serengeti. Rain is related to location some of the time. Other factors limit wildebeest location at different times of the year. 	 <p>Diagram illustrating the migration of wildebeest and the factors influencing it, including food and weather.</p>

Navigation to Next Lesson: We figure out what limiting factors are driving wildebeest migration, which makes us wonder about the large wildebeest population and how it can be so big.



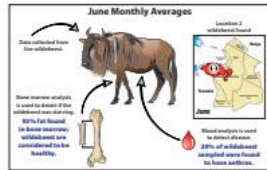
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LESSON 3

Why do the animals in the Serengeti migrate?

Previous Lesson We were introduced to Serengeti National Park as a case study. We read about the creation of the park and the controversial decisions made over which areas the park should protect. We participated in an information scavenger hunt to learn about the many different species in the park, with emphasis on the migrating herds of wildebeest. We created a consensus model to explain why the park was created and who decided how humans could use the park.

This Lesson
Investigation
2 days



We revisit wildebeest migration and brainstorm reasons for why they are migrating. We watch a video of researcher Dr. Simon Mduma to hear what he observed and what data he collected. We look at wildebeest field data cards for patterns to use as evidence to connect our predictions about why wildebeest migrate. We create data displays to show our findings and share them.

We notice a connection between nutritional health and wildebeest migration. We wonder how food could be causing wildebeest migration.

Next Lesson We will investigate the relationship between food and wildebeest location by looking for patterns in rainfall as well as other factors that affect the migration.

BUILDING TOWARD NGSS
HS-LS2-1, HS-LS2-2,
HS-LS2-6, HS-LS2-7,
HS-LS2-8, HS-ESS3-3, HS-ETS1-3



What students will do

3.A Communicate information about **patterns** in **factors that affect wildebeest migration**. (SEP: 8.5; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 1.5)

3.B Develop a **model of wildebeest migration using patterns found in empirical evidence** about factors such as predation and food availability. (SEP: 2.3; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 1.5)

What students will figure out

- Some wildebeest are killed by predators, but starvation is the leading cause of death in wildebeest.
- Food is the main factor that motivates the wildebeest migration.

Lesson 3

LEARNING PLAN SNAPSHOT

Part	Duration	Summary	Slide	Materials
1	5 min	NAVIGATE: BRAINSTORM REASONS WILDEBEEST MIGRATE Look back at the map of the great migration and lead a discussion about why wildebeest are migrating.	A	Wildebeest Migration Map
2	8 min	WATCH AND DISCUSS A VIDEO INTERVIEW OF A SCIENTIST WHO STUDIES WILDEBEEST Watch a video and annotate a transcript to discuss what scientists wanted to know about wildebeest and how scientists studied them.	B–E	Interview with Dr. Simon Mduma, Wildebeest Field Researcher; Transcript, Interview with Dr. Simon Mduma, Wildebeest Field Researcher
3	10 min	INTRODUCE WILDEBEEST FIELD RESEARCH DATA CARDS Observe and discuss the data found on the wildebeest field research data cards.	F–G	Analyzing Wildebeest Data Cards
4	15 min	EXAMINE WILDEBEEST FIELD RESEARCH DATA CARDS Organize Wildebeest Data Cards as assigned to find patterns in the data that provide evidence to explain why wildebeest migrate.	H	Analyzing Wildebeest Data Cards, Data and Sources for Wildebeest Data Cards, KEY: Data Cards Patterns, Wildebeest Data Cards
5	7 min	NAVIGATE	I	Analyzing Wildebeest Data Cards

End of Day 1

Part	Duration	Summary	Slide	Materials
6	3 min	NAVIGATE Discuss different ways scientists communicate what they figure out from their research.	J	
7	10 min	CREATE DATA DISPLAYS Create a data display that communicates evidence for why wildebeest are migrating.	K	Analyzing Wildebeest Data Cards, Chart paper or small whiteboards
8	10 min	COMPARE AND CONTRAST DATA DISPLAYS Share, discuss, and compare the data displays with other groups.	L	Data displays, KEY: Data Cards Patterns

Teacher Edition

Lesson 3

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2 Watch and Discuss a Video Interview of a Scientist Who Studies Wildebeest 8 min

Materials

- Interview with Dr. Simon Mduma, Wildebeest Field Researcher video
- Transcript, Interview with Dr. Simon Mduma, Wildebeest Field Researcher

Watch a clip from an interview with a scientist who studies wildebeest.

B Present slide B.

Say, I was able to find an interview with a scientist who studied wildebeest populations in the Serengeti. Let's first take a look at a short biography that highlights some of the things he has accomplished and consider how hearing from this scientist and looking at his research could help us understand more about wildebeest migration. Allow students a few minutes to read over the slide, then have a short discussion about how Dr. Mduma's research could be useful.

Suggested prompt	Sample student response
How do you think Dr. Mduma's research could help us answer our questions?	His research might give us some data to help us figure out why the wildebeest migrate or answer other questions we have about wildebeest.
What would you want to know about his research?	We want to know what data he collected and what he figured out.

Play Interview with Dr. Simon Mduma, Wildebeest Field Researcher once, allowing students to watch and listen to the video.

C Present slide C.

Distribute Transcript, Interview with Dr. Simon Mduma, Wildebeest Field Researcher. Then play the video again. For the second viewing, have students annotate the transcript by underlining ideas that could help us understand wildebeest migration, circling ideas about data Dr. Simon Mduma looked at, and drawing question marks where they have questions.

Turn and talk with a partner about the questions on the slide.

D Present slide D.

Give students a minute to discuss the questions on the slides using their annotated transcripts. Then facilitate a whole-class discussion, allowing student pairs to share with the whole class.

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Suggested prompt	Sample student response
What interested Dr. Mduma and other scientists about studying wildebeest?	They were interested in understanding if poaching was affecting the population.
What did Dr. Mduma determine about poaching? How did he come to this conclusion??	The scientists looked at population data. They say that while poaching was continuing the population was not decreasing. They looked at mortality factors.
What did they decide to investigate next?	They decided to investigate mortality factors.
How could these mortality factors connect to our ideas about wildebeest migration?	We think that the wildebeest are migrating because if they stay in an area then they might die. If we understand why some are dying, we might be able to explain why the rest are moving.

Update personal glossaries.^{1, 2}

E Present slide E.

Say, What I heard you saying was that Dr. Mduma had evidence from population data that poaching was not a factor. Scientists call this kind of data, from observation and experimentation, "empirical evidence." Pause and give students a moment to update their personal glossaries by adding an entry for empirical evidence as a definition they encountered. Additionally, if your students do not have prior experience with the concept of mortality factors, take the time here to add to their personal glossaries as a definition we encounter such as *factors that affect survival or cause death*.

¹ ATTENDING TO EQUITY

Supporting Emergent Multilinguals: When developing new vocabulary, strategies that may benefit emergent multilingual learners are to use student-friendly definitions, make connections to cognate words when possible, and encourage students to include a visual representation of the word. Use these strategies throughout the unit for both "definitions we co-construct" and "definitions we encounter."

² SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN DEVELOPING AND USING PATTERNS

In this lesson, students analyze data to identify patterns. These patterns will serve as evidence to support explanations. At the high-school level, it is important that students build an understanding of and use empirical data as evidence. Empirical data will serve as evidence not only as they identify patterns, but also as they support arguments and make claims about cause and effect in biology and across disciplines.

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Assessment

Assessment System Overview

Each OpenSciEd unit includes an assessment system that offers many opportunities for different types of assessments throughout the lessons, including pre-assessment, formative assessment, summative assessment, and student self-assessment. Formative assessments are embedded and called out directly in the lesson plans. Please look for the "Assessment Opportunity" teacher support boxes to identify places for assessments. In addition, the table below outlines where each type of assessment can be found in the unit.

Overall Unit Assessment

Lesson 1	
Assessment and Scoring Guidance	Purpose of Assessment
Initial Models	Pre-Assessment The student work in Lesson 1 should be considered a pre-assessment. It is an opportunity to learn more about the ideas your students bring to this unit. Hearing these ideas early on can help you be more strategic in how to build from and leverage student ideas across the unit. The initial model developed on Day 2 of Lesson 1 is a good opportunity to pre-assess student understanding of how students define and identify the important components and interactions of the system they investigate in their Conservation Profiles. The Driving Question Board is another opportunity for pre-assessment. Reinforce that students should generate open-ended questions, such as how and why questions, and post them to the board. However, any questions students share, even if they are closed-ended questions, can be valuable. Make note of any closed-ended questions and use navigation time throughout the unit to have your students practice turning these questions into open-ended questions when they relate to the investigations underway.
Driving Question Board	
Lesson 2	
Assessment and Scoring Guidance	Purpose of Assessment
Scavenger Hunt Notes	Formative At the end of Day 1 students complete an exit ticket that summarizes what they learned about the formation of Serengeti National Park from the scavenger hunt on <i>Scavenger Hunt Notes</i> . This allows the teacher to assess individual students' ability to summarize information concisely and accurately. It also allows the teacher to group students who will work together using complementary information on Day 2.
Obtaining and Communicating Information Self-Assessment	
Graphic Organizer for Scavenger Hunt	Formative + Student Self-Assessment Students complete <i>Obtaining and Communicating Information Self-Assessment</i> on Day 2 to reflect on their ability to record what they learned from the scavenger hunt and share that information with their peers when they worked together to complete <i>Graphic Organizer for Scavenger Hunt</i> . This allows students to reflect on their progress in SEP 8: obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information. Formative This Driving Question Board check-in allows students to see if they have answered any of their initial questions and then add questions about the Serengeti ecosystem function, in particular the migrating wildebeest that were introduced in this lesson. These serve as motivation for further investigations in the unit.
KEY: Graphic Organizer for Scavenger Hunt	
Driving Question Board	

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Lesson 8	
Assessment and Scoring Guidance	Purpose of Assessment
<i>Serengeti Component Interactions</i>	Formative This assessment opportunity aids students in applying the ideas they developed earlier in the unit to develop a more complex ecosystem model showing how components, interactions, and mechanisms in the Serengeti could be affected by disturbance.
KEY: <i>Serengeti Component Interactions</i>	
<i>Driving Question Board</i>	Formative This Driving Question Board check-in provides students a chance to answer questions related to complex interactions in ecosystems, while also aiding navigation into Lesson Set 3 by reminding them that many of our unanswered questions related to Serengeti National Park and students' conservation profiles.
<i>Unit B.1, Lesson 8 - Exit Ticket, Electronic</i>	
KEY: <i>Lesson 8 - Exit Ticket</i>	Formative + Summative + Community Building This second and final electronic exit ticket focuses on how ecosystems are resilient in response to a disturbance, which students will use again in Lessons 9, 10, and 11. It also provides an opportunity for students to share their thinking about various models developed from data and predictions; tie the concepts of biodiversity, disturbance, and resilience to their conservation profiles; and reflect on the role of stability and change in their sensemaking. Finally, students again celebrate how they have helped the class make progress.
Lesson 9	
Assessment and Scoring Guidance	Purpose of Assessment
<i>Conservation Plan Evaluation</i>	Formative Students use a model (Conservation Evaluation Tool) to evaluate the conservation plan in the Serengeti and identify the impacts for the system, including the human interest holders.
KEY: <i>Conservation Plan Evaluation</i>	
<i>Road Proposal Evaluation</i>	Formative This assessment opportunity asks students to evaluate three different road proposals using the resources from the Learning in Places Ethical Decision-Making Tool.
KEY: <i>Road Proposal Organizer Answer Key</i>	
<i>Unit B.1, Lesson 9 - Individual Assessment</i>	Formative This individual assessment opportunity asks students to construct a three-dimensional explanation of their road proposal evaluation.
KEY: <i>Unit B.1, Lesson 9 - Individual Assessment</i>	
Lesson 10	
Assessment and Scoring Guidance	Purpose of Assessment
<i>Evaluating Conservation Plans</i>	Formative This assessment opportunity asks students to evaluate a conservation plan by using the data from their conservation profile as evidence to determine the impact the plan would have on organisms, the overall ecosystem, and other interest holders.
KEY: <i>Evaluating Conservation Plans</i>	
<i>Driving Question Board</i>	Formative + Summative The final Driving Question Board check-in allows students to celebrate everything they have figured out in the unit. Students can also identify questions that were not answered in this unit, which might be addressed in later units or courses, or can serve as areas of independent research. Finally, this Driving Question Board check-in acts as a review of the units' ideas before students engage with the final transfer task.
<i>Reviewing Our DQB</i>	

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Lesson-by-Lesson Assessment Opportunities

Every OpenSciEd lesson includes one or more lesson-level performance expectations (LLPEs). The structure of every LLPE is designed to be a three-dimensional learning, combining elements of science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting concepts. The font used in the LLPE indicates the source/alignment of each piece of the text used in the statement as it relates to the NGSS dimensions: alignment to **Science and Engineering Practice(s)**, alignment to **Crosscutting Concept(s)**, and alignment to the **Disciplinary Core Ideas**.

The table below summarizes opportunities in each lesson for assessing every lesson-level performance expectation (LLPE). Examples of these opportunities include student handouts, home learning assignments, progress trackers, and student discussions. Most LLPEs are recommended as potential formative assessments. Assessing every LLPE listed can be logistically difficult. Strategically picking which LLPEs to assess and how to provide timely and informative feedback to students on their progress toward meeting these is left to the teacher's discretion.

Lesson 1	
Lesson-Level Performance Expectation(s)	Assessment Guidance
1.A Obtain information about how and why humans manage natural resources and communicate it as conservation criteria established to stabilize parts of the system. (SEP: 8.1; DCI: ESS 3.C.1; CCC: 7.1)	1.A When to check for understanding: On Day 1, when students brainstorm criteria for conservation based on information found in the reading, 30 by 30 Initiative. What to look for/listen for in the moment: Varied motivations for humans to protect places, lands, and waters to stabilize the system, such as (DCI: ESS 3.C.1; CCC: 7.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none">natural beautyrecreationecosystem servicesbiodiversityendangered/threatened speciescultural significance
1.B Develop a model based on evidence of an ecosystem that illustrates relationships between living and nonliving components and how they have changed over time as a result of human interactions. (SEP: 2.3; DCI: ESS 3.C.1; CCC: 7.1)	1.B When to check for understanding: When students develop their initial models on Day 2. What to look for/listen for in the moment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Models include evidence of components and interactions from conservation profiles (SEP: 2.3; DCI: ESS 3.C.1).Models include interactions between human and non-human components that illustrate changes over time (SEP: 2.3; DCI: ESS 3.C.1; CCC: 7.1).
1.C Ask questions to clarify or seek information about what causes humans to protect ecosystem functioning and productivity and what the effects of the protection are. (SEP: 1.1; DCI: LS 4.D.2; CCC: 2.2)	1.C When to check for understanding: When students develop the Driving Question Board on Day 3. What to look for/listen for in the moment: Questions to clarify and seek information about (SEP: 1.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none">causes or motivations of conservation (DCI: 4.D.2)targets of conservationeffects of the conservation on stability and change (CCC: 2.2) of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">living and nonliving components of the ecosystem (DCI: 4.D.2)interactions (DCI: 4.D.2)

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Lesson 4	
Assessment and Scoring Guidance	Assessment Guidance
4.A Analyze data using CODAP to determine how seasonal changes in rainfall limit food availability in the Serengeti. (SEP: 4.1; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 7.1)	4.A When to check for understanding: When students complete an exit ticket at the end of Day 1. What to look for/listen for in the moment: Evidence to support the following claims (SEP: 4.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none">There is a wet season and a dry season that repeat each year with the most rain around April and the least around July. <i>More rain means more grass and less rain means less grass.</i> (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 7.1)There is no evidence to support this claim.The pattern was similar for all three regions, but the rainfall amounts were always slightly higher for the north in each month, so there should be <i>more grass there all year long.</i> (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 7.1)
4.B Use mathematical representations of empirical evidence related to rainfall and wildebeest location to support claims about the cause of the migration. (SEP: 5.2; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 2.1)	4.B When to check for understanding: When students complete an exit ticket at the end of Day 2. What to look for/listen for in the moment: Evidence to support or contradict the following claims, drawing on patterns identified from mathematical representations. (SEP: 5.2; CCC: 2.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none">The scatter plot for the south region shows a positive relationship between annual rainfall and wildebeest occupancy, so this claim is supported by the data. Students do NOT need to use the word "positive," but look for the conceptual recognition of the upward trend in the data. (SEP: 5.2; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 2.1)The scatter plot for the west and north regions shows a negative relationship between annual rainfall and wildebeest occupancy, so this claim is not supported by the data. Students do NOT need to use the word "negative," but look for the conceptual recognition of the downward trend in the data. (SEP: 5.2; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 2.1)When comparing the scatter plots for all three regions, we can see that the wildebeest are spending more time in the west and in the south based on the higher values for wildebeest percentage occupancy. (SEP: 5.2; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 2.1)
4.C Revise a model to include new evidence about factors that affect wildebeest survival to illustrate the patterns and relationships and limits of resources that the wildebeest migration depends on. (SEP: 2.3; DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 3.1)	4.C When to check for understanding: When the class revises the consensus model at the end of Day 3. What to look for/listen for in the moment: Model revisions that include the following evidence (SEP: 2.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wildebeest are in the south during the wet season, even though that is not where the most rain is. (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 3.1)Wildebeest give birth in the south during the wet season, and that is where the best, most nutritious food is due to the richest soil and also where they can most easily see their predators. (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 3.1)The wildebeest move on to the west when the wet season is ending, in search of other grass. (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 3.1)During the dry season, the soil in the west is drier, making it easier for the wildebeest to walk through and making the grass more nutritious during that time. (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 3.1)The north has the most rain, but it has less nutritious grass, so the wildebeest only go there in the dry season, when there is no food in the south. (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 3.1)The Mara River is in the north, which provides water year round. (DCI: LS2.A.1; CCC: 3.1)Looking at small-scale relationships can help us understand the pattern of migration at the scale of the Serengeti ecosystem. (CCC: 3.1)



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How students will engage with each of the phenomena

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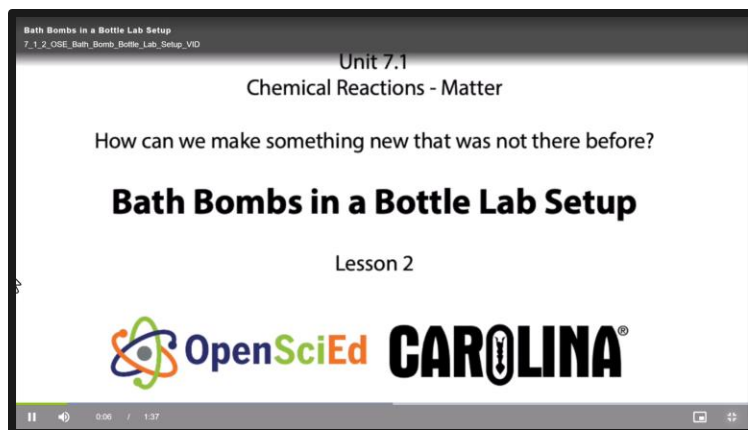
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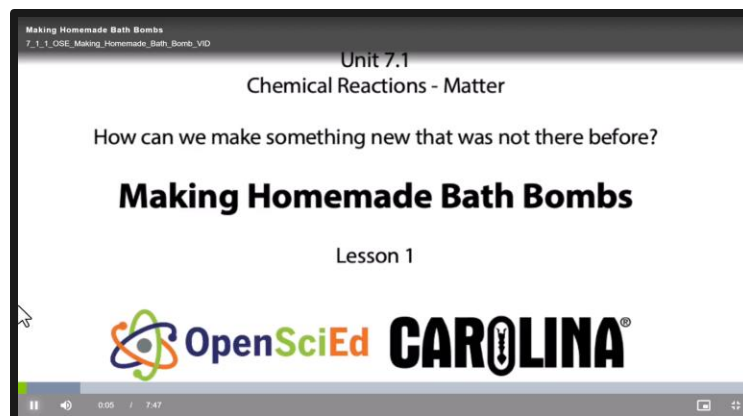
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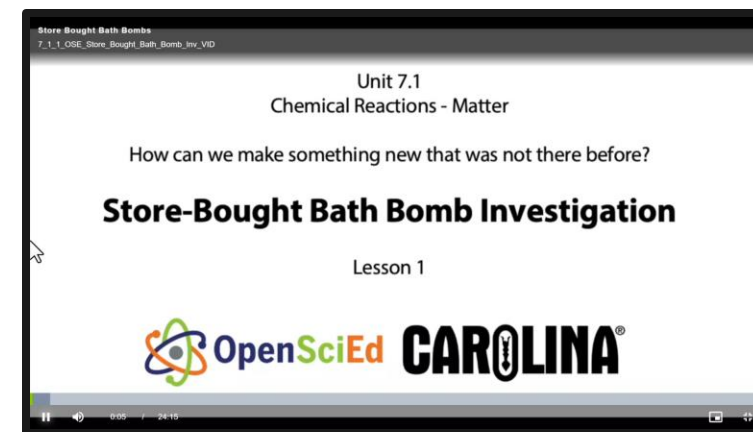
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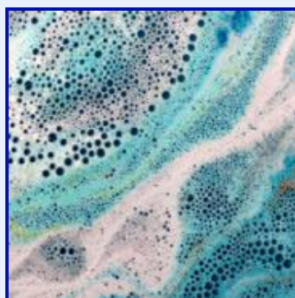
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Lesson Set 1

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Lesson Set 2

What happens when a bath bomb is added to water (and what causes it to happen)?

Lesson overview

Materials and Preparation

Learning Plan

Student Lesson Resources

Teacher Lesson Resources

Spanish Resources

Transcript for Store-Bought Bath Bomb Video

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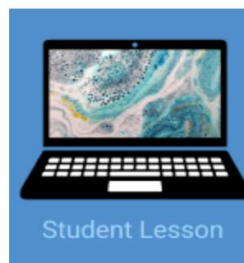
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Student Lesson

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