5 Science Unit ?: Variables

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Unit Overview

Every rock has a story that it tells, if you know how to "read" it, i.e. by identifying patterns and knowing the causes of how the various rocks are formed. Take any place that seems mundane to people now--like a parking lot--and a rock will tell you something extraordinary about what that place used to be like: it may well have been the site of a volcano. You will soon discover that nowhere on earth has been mundane forever. One of the most seemingly dull things you can imagine--a simple rock--is actually the relic of something astounding.

Standards

Grade 4 Earth Science	Performance Expectations	Focus	Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCIs) (Lesson Conceptual Flow)	Scientific & Engineering Practices (SEPs)	Crosscutting C (CCC)
Lesson 1 Could a volcano pop up where you live?	4-ESS1-1 4-ESS2-2	Volcanoes & Patterns of Earth's Surface	Rocks begin as lava--volcanic rocks are lava that has been frozen in time. Volcanoes don't just exist--they *form*, or 'pop up'. There is a pattern to where most volcanoes exist today on the earth. And yet dead volcanoes--and volcanic rock they erupted--can be found in *lots* of places. (So the pattern today isn't necessarily what it used to be.) You can look for volcanic rocks near you. **DCIs: ESS1.C, ESS2.B**	Students **analyze and interpret data** from recent volcanic eruptions. They use their findings as **evidence for an argument** that volcanoes are (or are not) likely to erupt in their backyard.	Students identify **patt** the location of the wo volcanoes and use th as evidence to suppo argument about why may or may not erupt backyard.
Lesson 2 Why do volcanoes explode?	4-ESS1-1	Volcanoes & Rock Cycle	Volcanic rocks are lava frozen in time. There are two primary types of lava, each of whose thickness explains two major differences in a volcano's shape & style of eruption. These two lavas also account for two commonly observed volcanic rocks that you might find. **DCIs: *Foundational for* ESS2.B; *Extends* ESS2.B**	Student **conduct an investigation** to **construct an explanation** for why some volcanoes explode and why some do not. Students **model** thick and thin lava to conduct their investigations.	Students reason abou **and effect** of the type (cause) and the natur eruption (effect) as we shape of the volcano
Lesson 3 Will a mountain last forever?	4-ESS1-1 4-ESS2-1	Weathering & Erosion	Rock does not stay as massive monoliths of volcanoes--it tends to get broken into smaller pieces ("sediments") over time due to natural forces ("weathering"), and tumble downhill. You can look for evidence of this where you live. **DCIs: ESS2.A**	Students **conduct an investigation** by **modeling** how rocks erode over time. Students **construct an explanation** for why rocks erode.	Students consider the **effect** of ice and root rock as it is broken do small pieces.
Lesson 4 How could you survive a landslide?	4-ESS2-1 4-ESS3-2	Erosion, Natural Hazards, & Engineering	The weathering process is not benign; it creates some of the worst natural hazards, including rock falls, landslides, and debris flows. If we are to be safe from these hazards, we have to design solutions to protect us. **DCIs: ESS3.B**	Students **design solutions** to protect their "homes" from rock slides. Students **argue** for the merits of their design.	**Engineering** a solutio landslide hazards **dep scientific knowledge** causes of landslides.

Materials

Core Materials:

- Mystery Science

- Teacher Created Labs

Supplemental Materials:

- BrainPop resources
- NewsELA
- GRC Lessons
- TBSAID
- Nearpod Activities

Technology

Technology Literacy

• 9.4.5.TL.1: Compare the common uses of at least two different digital tools and identify the advantages and disadvantages of using each.

• 9.4.5.TL.2: Sort and filter data in a spreadsheet to analyze findings.

• 9.4.5.TL.3: Format a document using a word processing application to enhance text, change page formatting, and include appropriate images graphics, or symbols.

Technology - Engineering Design

• 8.2.5.ED.1: Explain the functions of a system and its subsystems.

• 8.2.5.ED.2: Collaborate with peers to collect information, brainstorm to solve a problem, and evaluate all possible solutions to provide the best results with supporting sketches or models.

• 8.2.5.ED.3: Follow step by step directions to assemble a product or solve a problem, using appropriate tools to accomplish the task.

Technology - Data & Analysis

• 8.1.5.DA.1: Collect, organize, and display data in order to highlight relationships or support a claim.

• 8.1.5.DA.2: Compare the amount of storage space required for different types of data.

• 8.1.5.DA.3: Organize and present collected data visually to communicate insights gained from different views of the data.

• 8.1.5.DA.4: Organize and present climate change data visually to highlight relationships or support a claim.

• 8.1.5.DA.5: Propose cause and effect relationships, predict outcomes, or communicate ideas using data.

Technology - Effects on the Natural World

• 8.2.5.ETW.2: Describe ways that various technologies are used to reduce improper use of resources.

• 8.2.5.ETW.3: Explain why human-designed systems, products, and environments need to be constantly monitored,

maintained, and improved.

• 8.2.5.ETW.4: Explain the impact that resources, such as energy and materials used to develop technology, have on the environment.

• 8.2.5.ETW.5: Identify the impact of a specific technology on the environment and determine what can be done to increase positive effects and to reduce any negative effects, such as climate change.

Evidence of Learning/Assessment

Formative Assessment

- Teacher Observation
- Quizzes
- Exit Tickets
- Labs

Summative Assessment

- Benchmark Tests
- Alternative Assessments: Performance Tasks & Projects

Accommodations & Modifications

Special Education

Follow IEP Plan which may contain some of the following examples…

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Study Guides
- Limit number of questions
- Scribe
- Newsela leveled reading passages

504

Follow 504 Plan which may contain some of the following examples…

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Study Guides
- Limit number of questions
- Scribe
- Newsela leveled reading passages

ELL

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Study Guides
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At-risk of Failure

- Extra time during intervention
- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
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Gifted & Talented

- Independent projects

- STEM Projects
- Leveled Reading with Newsela

Interdisciplinary Connections

Connections to NJSLS - English Language Arts

• RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. (3-LS3-1), (3-LS3-2)

• RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. (3-LS3- 1), (3-LS3-2)

• W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (3-LS3-1), (3-LS3-2) • SL.3.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace. (3-LS3-1), (3-LS3-2)

• RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur). (3-LS1-1)

• SL.3.5 Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details. (3-LS1-1)

Connections to NJSLS - Mathematics

• MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (3-LS3-1), (3-LS3-2)

• MP.4 Model with mathematics. (3-LS3-1), (3-LS3-2)

• 3.MD.B.4 Generate measurement data by measuring lengths using rulers marked with halves and fourths of an inch. Show the data by making a line plot, where the horizontal scale is marked off in appropriate units—whole numbers, halves, or quarters. (3-LS3-1), (3-LS3-2)

• 3.NBT Number and Operations in Base Ten (3-LS1-1)

• 3.NF Number and Operations—Fractions (3-LS1-1)

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:

• 9.4.5.CT.1: Identify and gather relevant data that will aid in the problem-solving process (e.g., 2.1.5.EH.4, 4-ESS3-1, 6.3.5.CivicsPD.2).

• 9.4.5.CT.2: Identify a problem and list the types of individuals and resources (e.g., school, community agencies, governmental, online) that can aid in solving the problem (e.g., 2.1.5.CHSS.1, 4-ESS3-1).

• 9.4.5.CT.3: Describe how digital tools and technology may be used to solve problems. • 9.4.5.CT.4: Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies to different types of problems such as personal, academic, community and

global

Career Ready Practices

- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.