

Unit #8 Paleontology

Content Area: **Science**
Course(s):
Time Period:
Length: **25 days**
Status: **Published**

State Mandated Topics Addressed in this Unit

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Learning Objectives

- Objective 1 - Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history.
- Objective 2 - Construct an argument based on evidence about the simultaneous coevolution of Earth's systems and life on Earth.

Essential Skills

- Essential Skill 1 - Define what fossil are, where they are found and how they are dated.
- Essential Skill 2 - Identify the composition of the Earth's early atmosphere
- Essential Skill 3 - Name theories on mass extinctions on Earth
- Essential Skill 4 - Name the main characteristics of each era.
- Essential Skill 5 - Identify major occurrences on the Geologic Time Scale

Standards

SCI.HS-ESS1-6	Apply scientific reasoning and evidence from ancient Earth materials, meteorites, and other planetary surfaces to construct an account of Earth's formation and early history.
SCI.HS-ESS2-7	Construct an argument based on evidence about the simultaneous coevolution of Earth's systems and life on Earth.

Instructional Tasks/Activities

- Build a dinosaur model
- Complete web quest on the Geologic Time Scale
- Foldables – organization of material (scientific method & features of living things)
- Group discussion
- Inquiry based activity- Identify animals from the fossil record
- Participate in a Dinosaur Dig
- PowerPoint presentation of material
- Review game
- Think, pair, share (read assigned section of text individually, discuss with a partner, present material in pairs to class – use PowerPoint as a reference)

Assessment Procedure

- Classroom Total Participation Technique
- Classwork
- DBQ
- Essay
- Exit Ticket/Entrance Ticket/Do Now
- Journal / Student Reflection
- Kahoot
- Other named in lesson
- Peer Review
- Performance
- Problem Correction
- Project
- Quiz
- Rubric
- Teacher Collected Data
- Test
- Worksheet

Recommended Technology Activities

- Appropriate Content Specific Online Resource
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- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
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- Gimkit

- GoGuardian
- Google Classroom
- Google Docs
- Google Slides
- Google Slides
- Kahoot
- MagicSchool AI
- Other- Specified in Lesson
- Quiziz
- Screencastify

Accommodations & Modifications & Differentiation

Accommodations and Modifications should be used to meet individual needs. Their IEP and 504 plans should be used in addition to the following suggestions.

Gifted and Talented

- Compare & Contrast
- Conferencing
- Debates
- Jigsaw
- Peer Partner Learning
- Problem Solving
- Structured Controversy
- Think, Pair, Share
- Tutorial Groups

Instruction/Materials

- alter format of materials (type/highlight, etc.)
- color code materials
- eliminate answers
- extended time
- extended time
- large print
- modified quiz
- modified test

- Modify Assignments as Needed
- Modify/Repeat/Model directions
- necessary assignments only
- Other (specify in plans)
- other- named in lesson
- provide assistance and cues for transitions
- provide daily assignment list
- read class materials orally
- reduce work load
- shorten assignments
- study guide/outline
- utilize multi-sensory modes to reinforce instruction

Environment

- alter physical room environment
- assign peer tutors/work buddies/note takers
- assign preferential seating
- individualized instruction/small group
- modify student schedule (Describe)
- other- please specify in plans
- provide desktop list/formula

Honors Modifications

Resources

- Resource 1
- Resource 2
- Resource 3
- Resource 4
- Resource 5