# Sept. Grade 7 Unit 4A: Natural Resources

Content Area: **Science**
Course(s):
Time Period: **September**
Length: **2 Weeks**
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

This unit explores Natural resources that are renewable and non-renewable.

## Enduring Understandings

By the end of the lesson, students should be able to:

- Classify a natural resource as renewable or nonrenewable.
- Provide examples of ways humans depend on natural resources.
- Compare and explain how natural resources form.
- Explain the importance of using natural resources wisely and cite ways in which humans can do so.

## Essential Questions

- **Overarching Questions**
    - How are resources limited?
    - How is the distribution of Earth's resources the result of past or current processes?
- **Focus Questions**
    - What are renewable and nonrenewable resources?
    - Why are resources unevenly distributed around Earth?
- **Lesson Questions**
    - What are renewable and nonrenewable resources?
    - How do natural resources form?
    - How do humans use and access natural resources?
    - Why is it important to use natural resources wisely?
- **Can You Explain?**
    - What are the ways we use, collect, and distribute renewable and nonrenewable natural

resources?

## Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

**DISCOVERY TECHBOOK LESSONS:**

- The Five E Instructional Model

  Science Techbook follows the 5E instructional model. As you plan your lesson, the provided Model Lesson includes strategies for each of the 5Es.

- Engage (45–90 minutes)

  Students are asked to consider what natural resources are and how they use them every day. Students begin to formulate ideas around the Can You Explain? (CYE) question.

- Explore (90 minutes)

  Students investigate questions about different types of natural resources and how natural resources form and are used and support their findings with evidence from text and media assets.

- Explain (45–90 minutes)

  Students construct scientific explanations to the CYE question by including evidence of how natural resources are collected, distributed, and used to support human activities.

- Elaborate with STEM (45–90 minutes)

  Students apply their understanding of natural resources as they explore conservation of wildlife and natural resources. Students will also investigate the distribution of coal and oil and how oil is extracted.

- Evaluate (45–90 minutes)

  Students are evaluated on the state science standards, as well as Standards in ELA/Literacy and Standards in Math standards, using Board Builder and the provided concept summative assessments.

## Integration of 21st Century Themes and Career Exploration

Students will explore conservation of resources and wildlife careers

An individual's strengths, lifestyle goals, choices, and interests affect employment and

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| | income. |
| | Gathering and evaluating knowledge and information from a variety of sources, including global perspectives, fosters creativity and innovative thinking. |
| 9.4.2.CI.1 | Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (e.g., 1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2). |
| 9.4.2.CI.2 | Demonstrate originality and inventiveness in work (e.g., 1.3A.2CR1a). |
| 9.4.2.CT.1 | Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2). |
| | Multiple solutions often exist to solve a problem. |
| 9.4.2.CT.2 | Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3). |
| 9.4.2.CT.3 | Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive). |
| 9.4.8.CT.1 | Evaluate diverse solutions proposed by a variety of individuals, organizations, and/or agencies to a local or global problem, such as climate change, and use critical thinking skills to predict which one(s) are likely to be effective (e.g., MS-ETS1-2). |
| 9.4.8.CT.2 | Develop multiple solutions to a problem and evaluate short- and long-term effects to determine the most plausible option (e.g., MS-ETS1-4, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.1). |
| 9.4.8.CT.3 | Compare past problem-solving solutions to local, national, or global issues and analyze the factors that led to a positive or negative outcome. |
| | Digital tools and media resources provide access to vast stores of information that can be searched. |
| 9.4.8.IML.1 | Critically curate multiple resources to assess the credibility of sources when searching for information. |
| 9.4.8.IML.3 | Create a digital visualization that effectively communicates a data set using formatting techniques such as form, position, size, color, movement, and spatial grouping (e.g., 6.SP.B.4, 7.SP.B.8b). |
| 9.4.8.IML.4 | Ask insightful questions to organize different types of data and create meaningful visualizations. |
| 9.4.8.IML.5 | Analyze and interpret local or public data sets to summarize and effectively communicate the data. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP1 | Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP2 | Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP3 | Attend to personal health and financial well-being. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP4 | Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP5 | Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP6 | Demonstrate creativity and innovation. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP7 | Employ valid and reliable research strategies. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP8 | Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP9 | Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP10 | Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP11 | Use technology to enhance productivity. |
| CRP.K-12.CRP12 | Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence. |
| CAEP.9.2.8.B.1 | Research careers within the 16 Career Clusters ® and determine attributes of career success. |
| CAEP.9.2.8.B.4 | Evaluate how traditional and nontraditional careers have evolved regionally, nationally, |

and globally.

## Technolgy and Design Integration

Technology is fully integrated using Discovery Techbook.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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| LA.RST.6-8.1 | Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts. |
| LA.RST.6-8.2 | Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions. |
| LA.RST.6-8.3 | Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. |
| LA.RST.6-8.4 | Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6-8 texts and topics. |
| LA.RST.6-8.5 | Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic. |
| LA.RST.6-8.6 | Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text. |
| LA.RST.6-8.7 | Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table). |
| LA.RST.6-8.8 | Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text. |
| LA.RST.6-8.9 | Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic. |
| LA.RST.6-8.10 | By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.1 | Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content. |
| MA.7.EE.B | Solve real-life and mathematical problems using numerical and algebraic expressions and equations. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.2 | Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.4 | Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.5 | With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.6 | Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.7 | Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. |

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| LA.WHST.6-8.8 | Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation. |
| LA.WHST.6-8.9 | Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. |

## Differentiation

**See differentiation suggestions in the above lessons.**

Struggling Students

1. Have students make a list of all of the natural resources they use in a given day. Then, have them categorize the resources as renewable or nonrenewable.
2. Provide samples of igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks, and ask students to explain how sedimentary rock can contain carbon-based resources.

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1. Help students better understand the terms *renewable* and *nonrenewable*by breaking them down into their component parts. Use this opportunity to discuss the use of prefixes that denote opposites (for example, *non-, un-, a-, in-*).
2. Provide a list of resources found in your students' native countries. This will allow them to integrate their prior knowledge and experience and make cultural connections to the lesson material.

Accelerated Students

1. Encourage students to add questions of their own about natural resources to the set of Lesson Questions. Remind students to try to answer these questions as they explore throughout the lesson.
2. Have students consider renewable living resources such as trees and animals. Is there a situation in which a living resource might be considered nonrenewable?
3. Have students conduct additional research on the distribution of natural resources in the United States or globally. Students can look for general resource maps, or they can focus on a single resource or a single country or region of the world.

Differentiation in science can be accomplished in several ways. Once you have given a pre-test to students, you know what information has already been mastered and what they still need to work on. Next, you design activities, discussions, lectures, and so on to teach information to students. The best way is to have two or three groups of students divided by ability level.

While you are instructing one group, the other groups are working on activities to further their knowledge of

the concepts. For example, while you are helping one group learn the planet names in order, another group is researching climate, size, and distance from the moon of each planet. Then the groups switch, and you instruct the second group on another objective from the space unit. The first group practices writing the order of the planets and drawing a diagram of them.

Here are some ideas for the classroom when you are using differentiation in science:

- Create a tic-tac-toe board that lists different activities at different ability levels. When students aren't involved in direct instruction with you, they can work on activities from their tic-tac-toe board. These boards have nine squares, like a tic-tac-toe board; and each square lists an activity that corresponds with the science unit. For example, one solar system activity for advanced science students might be to create a power point presentation about eclipses. For beginning students, an activity might be to make a poster for one of the planets and include important data such as size, order from the sun, whether it has moons, and so on.

- Find websites on the current science unit that students can explore on their own.

- Allow students to work in small groups to create a project throughout the entire unit. For example, one group might create a solar system model to scale. Another group might write a play about the solar system. This is an activity these groups can work on while they are not working directly with you.

Differentiation in science gets students excited to learn because it challenges them to expand their knowledge and skills, instead of teaching the whole group concepts they have already mastered.

## Modifications & Accommodations

Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMOCATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

**Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:**

In addition to differentiated instruction, IEP's and 504 accommocations will be utilized.

## Benchmark Assessments

**Benchmark Assessments** are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

**Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:**

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

**Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:**

**Science Benchmarks are given in Dec. and June.**

## Formative Assessments

Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

**Formative Assessments used in this unit:**

See assessments located in the unit link above

## Summative Assessments

**Summative assessments** evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of ways to combine these approaches.

**Summative assessments for this unit:**

See assessments located in the unit link above

## Instructional Materials

See materials located in Unit above.

Discovery Techbook

Teacher made materials

Additonal labs available through NJCTL on line curriculum

## Standards

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| MS-ESS3 | Earth and Human Activity |
| MS-ESS3-1 | Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how the uneven distributions of Earth's mineral, energy, and groundwater resources are the result of past and current geoscience processes.<br><br>Emphasis is on how these resources are limited and typically non-renewable, and how their distributions are significantly changing as a result of removal by humans. Examples of uneven distributions of resources as a result of past processes include but are not limited to petroleum (locations of the burial of organic marine sediments and subsequent geologic traps), metal ores (locations of past volcanic and hydrothermal activity associated with subduction zones), and soil (locations of active weathering and/or deposition of rock). |
| ESS3.A | Natural Resources<br><br>Humans depend on Earth's land, ocean, atmosphere, and biosphere for many different resources. Minerals, fresh water, and biosphere resources are limited, and many are not renewable or replaceable over human lifetimes. These resources are distributed unevenly around the planet as a result of past geologic processes. |