Subject/Grade: 8 Comparing human vision with other organisms Teacher:Josh Wagner

Stage 1: Identify Desired Results

Outcome(s)/Indicator(s):

OP8.3 -- Compare the nature and properties of human vision with optical devices and vision in other living organisms.-Compare human vision with that of other vertebrates and invertebrates, including the function and design of the eye.

Key Understandings: ('I Can' statements)

- I can examine what I know about the human eye
- I can identify unique functions and design patterns amongst various organisms and what makes them different from the human eye

Essential Questions:

- Is all vision the same amongst organisms?
- What are some key features that connect design to function?

Prerequisite Learning:

- Know the components of a human eye (iris, cones, nerves...)
- Understand how the human eye works

Instructional Strategies:

- Direct instructions Showing a Powerpoint that shows a variety of different eyes, explaining how their different eye designs serve their function
 - Visual Hooks
 - Identifying similarities and differences
- Think-pair-share
- Graphic organizer Venn diagram

Stage 2: Determine Evidence for Assessing Learning

- Show of hands to demonstrate understanding of a human eye
- Students choose an animal and make predictions of how the eye will be similar or different to a human eye
- Once powerpoint is done, they'll re-examine their animal and write an explanation on the similarities and differences

Stage 3: Build Learning Plan

Set (Engagement):

Length of Time:

- As the students enter the classroom, I have Private Eyes (Daryl Hall and John Oates) playing in the background
- Once the students are in their seats, I'll ask how they're day is going and share some highlights or lowlights.
- After 5 or so minutes of sharing, I'd ask students if they can recap what happened last class. I'd fill in missing points from the recaps and ask a show of hands if they understand.
- I would then ask what their favorite animal is and have them write it down on a sheet of paper
- I would ask the students to predict and explain why or why not their animal eye functions like a human eye

Development:

Time:

- I would pull up the comparative eye presentation
- Bring up an animal eye diagram and discuss as a class if and where there are similarities and differences
- After discussing 4 different animal eyes, I would ask students to pair up

Materials/Resources:

- Comparing Eyes presentation
- Pens/pencils, paper
- Computer (audio)

Possible Adaptations/ Differentiation:

- Could use a program like Socrative to allow all student participation when discussing differences and similarities
- During the Venn diagram, offer alternative animals if students are struggling

Management Strategies: (classroom management – how to draw everyone back together)

- Set expectations for the class
 - If someone is talking, don't interrupt

 Once students are paired up, I would display 3 different animal eyes and ask them to create a Venn diagram, giving them 15 min to complete as much as they can

Learning Closure: Time:

- When the 15min are up, I would ask students to share and explain some of the similarities or differences they came up
- If there is time, I would show a video demonstrating some other eyesights that were not covered
- At the end of class, I would ask them to hand in their Venn diagrams

- If you have a question, raise your hand
- Engage with students during the Venn diagram portion, help/guide as needed
- Ask them politely to settle down when coming back as a group (beginning of the class or the end of the Venn diagram portion)

Safety Considerations: (ex. physical safety, but also emotional safety)

 Ensure table seating is spaced out accordingly, no rushing in the classroom

Stage 4: Reflection

Backwards by Design Lesson Plan Template

Professional Goals Plan

Topic: Grade 8 Science

Date: Sept 29th

Teacher: Joshua Wagner Observer: Mr. Graff

1. Professional Goal

Explanation of subject material is clear and concise

2. Steps to Achieve Goal

- Review powerpoint and what major details to go over
- Do a quick run through the night before
- During lesson, take time to explain, no rushing

- 3. Instructions to observer (be specific):
- Make note of when I get too wordy during an explanation
- Count the amount of times I have to re-explain a concept to the whole class
- 4. Data Collection: