8th Grade Science STEAM Integration

Unit 2: Force and Motion | Topic: Digital Art and Design | Time: 3 Days

Standards:

MS-PS2-1: Apply Newton's Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects.

MS-PS2-2: Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object.

MS-PS3-1: Construct and interpret graphical displays of data to describe the relationships of kinetic energy to the mass of an object and to the speed of an object.

You've been assigned to the Universal Space Agency's debriefing Scenario communications team. Your job: create a dramatic but educational video explaining the physics behind the failed space pod docking and what should've happened instead. Success I can produce a short, creative video that explains how force and motion led to a docking failure and uses correct physics concepts. Criteria Day 1: Script + Storyboard Lesson Watch real NASA docking videos (or bloopers from animation demos) Outline Write a script: What went wrong (too much force, too little velocity)? Which laws of motion were violated or misunderstood?

- Optional characters: Flight Commander Newton, Pod AI gone rogue
- Sketch scenes (before, during, after docking)

Day 2: Film and Edit

- Record scenes with dramatic acting, labeled animations, slow-motion effects
- Use Adobe Express or iMovie to edit
- Add motion arrows, crash sound FX, or Newton voiceovers

Day 3: Watch + Reflect

- Watch videos and leave peer feedback
- Final quick-write: Which law of motion was most important in your video—and in real space dockings?

