


Storyline Unit Design

Understanding by Design (UbD) Template*

Unit		Course(s)	
Designed by		Time Frame	

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Anchor Model

Earth, Space & Stars



Grade 5

Stage 1: Desired Results

Performance Expectations

5-ESS1-1: Stellar Brightness and Distance

Support an argument that differences in the apparent brightness of the sun compared to other stars is due to their relative distances from the Earth. (Scale, Proportion, and Quantity)

5-ESS1-2: Daily and Seasonal Sky Change

Represent data in graphical displays to reveal patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky.

5-PS2-1: Earth's Gravitational Force

Support an argument that the gravitational force exerted by earth on objects is directed down. (Cause and Effect)

Anchoring Phenomenon

Anchoring Phenomenon [Worksheet](#)

Collage of astronomical artifacts - what do these mean to you... what do you see, what do you think they are..

Calendars:

Peru (oldest sun observatory)

Hawaii Moon calendar

Nazca (peru)

Mayans

Aztecs

Pyramids Cairo/GAza

Stonehenge

Constellation stories

Enduring Understandings

Seasons
Planting

Essential Questions



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Stage 2: Assessments

5-ESS1-1 - [Which of the Brightest Stars is the Brightest?](#)

5-ESS1-2 - [Where Was This Video Shot?](#)

5-PS2-1 - [Is the Earth Flat or Spherical?](#)

[Assessment Screening Tools](#)

Backward Design Elements





What new skills (practices) will students need to learn?	What thinking concepts will students need to learn?	What science concepts will students need to learn?



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Stage 3: Learning Plan

 Phenomenon or Problem	 Learning Performance - What will they do?	 Why is this important?	 Learning Experience - How will they do it?
Astronomical Artifacts	Students will ask questions about patterns in ancient space observing artifacts.	<p>Questioning to elicit curiosity and pull wonder from the students.</p> <p>To gather information about what students know about space.</p> <p>Connects students' questions to ancient questions.</p>	<p>Show students photos - no context.</p> <p>Students make observations and ask questions. What do you notice, what do you wonder?</p> <p>Mini-lesson on observational patterns.</p> <p>Mini lesson on similarities and differences.</p> <p>Provide information about how the ancient scientists observed and used patterns in the sky</p>
Formative Assessment - What information are you collecting to know that they met the target?		Gather questions on a poster - make sure each group has questions related to observational patterns - similar structures. Or student's self assess their questions.	
Stick in ground outside	Students will investigate patterns of change in the shadow over time. <i>Students will develop model of how the structure helped ancient scientists to understand objects in the sky</i>	Students become scientists collecting data - imitating scientists from long ago.	Identify space outside to place sticks where they will remain undisturbed during the day. Students collect data, measurements of shadow and time of day. Draw shadow, which direction it points
Formative Assessment - What information are you collecting to know that they met the target?		Students will identify the purpose of the investigation and collect data.	
	Students will analyze patterns in shadow data over one day.	Students analyze data like scientists - imitating scientists from long ago.	We look at the whole generation of data, what patterns do we see? Students show and organize their data.
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Summative Assessment What information are you collecting to know that they met the target?			
Shadow on a Sundial	Use Data to construct a claim of patterns in shadows.		
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Materials / Resources

Vocabulary

5-ESS1-1

Stars (including Sun)
Earth
Distance
Stellar

5-ESS1-2

Daily changes (e.g. length and
direction of shadow, day and night)
Seasonal changes (e.g. stars in the night
sky)
Earth
Sun
Patterns

5-PS2-1

Earth
Gravitational force
Objects
“Down”
Cause and Effect

Mini Lessons

[Scale Level 1 - Describing Scale](#)
[Scale Level 1 - Describing Scale Thinking Slides](#)
[Patterns Level 3 - Similarities and Differences Mini-Lesson](#)
[Patterns Level 3 - Similarities and Differences Thinking Slides](#)
[Causation Level 3 - Causal Relationships Mini-Lesson](#)
[Causation Level 3 - Causal Relationships Thinking Slides](#)

Graphic Organizers

[5-ESS1-1 - Stellar Scales Graphic Organizer \(Student Version\)](#)
[5-ESS1-1 - Stellar Scales Graphic Organizer \(Teacher Version\)](#)
[5-ESS1-2 - Sky Patterns Graphic Organizer \(Student Version\)](#)
[5-ESS1-2 - Sky Patterns Graphic Organizer \(Teacher Version\)](#)
[5-PS2-1 - The Effect of Gravity Graphic Organizer \(Student Version\)](#)
[5-PS2-1 - The Effect of Gravity Graphic Organizer \(Teacher Version\)](#)
[Phenomena Observation Graphic Organizer](#)
[Questioning Graphic Organizer](#)
[Modeling Graphic Organizer](#)
[Planning an Investigation Organizer](#)
[Investigation Evidence Organizer](#)
[Engaging in Argumentation Organizer](#)

Differentiation / Modifications

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- ◀ **5-ESS1-1 - Stellar Brightness and Distance**
- ◀ **5-ESS1-2 - Daily and Seasonal Sky Changes**
- ◀ **5-PS2-1 - Earth's Gravitational Force**
- ◀ **Local**
- ◀ **Favorite**
- ◀
- ◀

Artifacts of Astronomers over Time

Size of Sun and Moon ▶◀◀

Constellations ▶◀

Stars with varying brightness ▶

Forced perspective ▶

Sun is a star ▶

Streetlights at varying distance ▶

Seasonal constellations ▶◀

Sundial ▶

Seasonal and daily changes in shadows ▶

North star and star trails (Southern cross ▶◀

Lahaina noon ▶

SAD - Seasonal Affective Disorder ▶

Navigating with the stars (Sextant) ▶

Migrations (e.g. birds using the stars) ▶

Seasonal changes in plants (e.g. dropping leaves) ▶

Objects in the Solar System are all round (Sun, moons, planets, etc.) ▶

Earth is flat ▶

Evidence Earth is flat ▶

- Ships sail over horizon ▶
- Earth's shadow on Moon during eclipse ▶
- Height of North Star above horizon as you travel north ▶

Objects fall straight down (in both hemispheres) ▶

Object sink in water ▶

Weightless in freefall in space ▶

Minnesota North Stars ▶

Newton's apple ▶

Native american constellations and stories ▶◀



5-ESS1-1: Stellar Brightness and Distance

[Evidence Statement](#)Assessment: Which of the Brightest Stars is Brightest? ([PDF](#)) ([Google Template](#))The performance expectation above was developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:**Science and Engineering Practices****Engaging in Argument from Evidence**

Engaging in argument from evidence in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to critiquing the scientific explanations or solutions proposed by peers by citing relevant evidence about the natural and designed world(s).

- Support an argument with evidence, data, or a model.

Disciplinary Core Ideas**ESS1.A: The Universe and its Stars**

- The sun is a star that appears larger and brighter than other stars because it is closer. Stars range greatly in their distance from Earth.

Crosscutting Concepts**Scale, Proportion, and Quantity**

- Natural objects exist from the very small to the immensely large.

Reflections: [Type Here](#)

	No	Partial	Yes
1. The assessment contains a phenomenon (science) or a problem (engineering)			x
2. The prompts match the Science and Engineering Practice (SEP) and engage students in sense making.			x
3. The stimuli have multiple and sufficient information needed to utilize the SEP . (e.g. multiple data sets to analyze)			x
4. The prompts elicit observable understanding of the Disciplinary Core Idea (DCI) .			x
5. The prompts explicitly mention the Crosscutting Concept (CCC) .			x
6. The prompts include language (i.e. bullets) from grade appropriate progressions. (SEP) (DCI) (CCC)			x
7. The phenomenon or problem is novel to show the transfer of knowledge. (i.e. not in the unit)		x	



5-ESS1-2: Daily and Seasonal Sky Change

[Evidence Statement](#)Assessment: Where Was This Video Shot? ([PDF](#)) ([Google Template](#))The performance expectation above was developed using the following elements from the NRC document *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*:**Science and Engineering Practices****Analyzing and Interpreting Data**

Analyzing data in 3–5 builds on K–2 experiences and progresses to introducing quantitative approaches to collecting data and conducting multiple trials of qualitative observations. When possible and feasible, digital tools should be used.

- Represent data in graphical displays (bar graphs, pictographs and/or pie charts) to reveal patterns that indicate relationships.

Disciplinary Core Ideas**ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System**

- The orbits of Earth around the sun and of the moon around Earth, together with the rotation of Earth about an axis between its North and South poles, cause observable patterns. These include day and night; daily changes in the length and direction of shadows; and different positions of the sun, moon, and stars at different times of the day, month, and year.

Crosscutting Concepts**Patterns**

- Similarities and differences in patterns can be used to sort, classify, communicate and analyze simple rates of change for natural phenomena.

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5-PS2-1: Earth's Gravitational Force

[Evidence Statement](#)Assessment: Is the Earth Flat or Spherical? ([PDF](#)) ([Google Template](#))

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