

Teacher(s)	Allen	Subject group and discipline	Science		
Unit title	The Earth	MYP year	1	Unit duration (hrs)	10

Inquiry: Establishing the purpose of the unit

Key concept	Related concept(s)	Global context
Systems, Form	Movement	Globalization and sustainability
Statement of inquiry		

The earth changes using the transferring of matter and energy

Inquiry questions

Factual— What causes volcanoes and earthquakes?

Conceptual— How does the earth evolve and transform?

Debatable— Are volcanoes and earthquakes completely bad?

Objectives	Summative assessment		
Criterion B: i. Outline an appropriate problem or	Outline of summative assessment task(s) including assessment criteria: Goal-	Relationship between summative assessment task(s) and statement of inquiry:	
research question to be tested by a scientific investigation	Your task is to build a tower out of a	The students will be constructing buildings that will withstand an "earthquake" while understanding how the	
ii. Outline a testable prediction using scientific reasoning	deck of cards and a yard of tape. Role-	table shakes and how the building will need to move with the table.	
iii. Outline how to manipulate the variables, and outline how data will be collected	 Your job is to design and build a building out of a deck of cards and a yard of tape. 		
iv. Design scientific investigation	Audience-		

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 Your clients are looking for a tall building that would withstand any shaking.

Situation-

• The challenge involves an "earthquake" that will strike.

Product-

 You will need to create a building that will withstand the "earthquake".
 You will be given a variety of materials to build buildings and will decide what materials would be best to build with.

Standards and Criteria-

 A successful result would be the building withstanding an "earthquake" of a moderate magnitude.

Approaches to learning (ATL)

Self Management- practice 'bouncing back' after adversity, mistakes, and failures

Self Management- Practice strategies to overcome impulsiveness and anger

Thinking- Use brainstorming and mind mapping to generate new ideas and inquiries

Action: Teaching and learning through inquiry

Content	Learning process

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State Performance Indicators

SPI 0507.7.1

Describe internal forces such as volcanoes, earthquakes, faulting, and plate movements that are responsible for the earth's major geological features such as mountains, valleys, etc.

Learning experiences and teaching strategies

See attached unit plan

Formative assessment

Tests, group discussions, interactive notebook, journaling, observations, reflective writing, orally quiz over how the changing earth causes earthquakes and volcanoes, create faults using candy, create volcanoes, foldables, label parts of a volcanoes

Differentiation

Peer tutoring, pre-labeling, modified grading, guided vs. inquiry, enrichment opportunities

Resources

Textbook, Brainpop, Teacher created flipchart, teacher created tests, teacher created diagrams, teacher tube, youtube, Uncovering student ideas in science probes

Reflection: Considering the planning, process and impact of the inquiry

Prior to teaching the unit	During teaching	After teaching the unit
Give pre-test over standards to find prior knowledge, 45% of the students were proficient or advanced before we started.	During teaching, I used a variety of methods for teaching to make sure I reached each student with their specific learning type.	Using the post-test, I was able to see that now 77% of my students are proficient or advanced in this standard.

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