Science 9 Interconnectedness of Spheres

A template based on Understanding by Design

	Interconnectedness of Spheres		Science 9
Title of Unit		Grade Level	
	Science		20 lessons
Subject		Time Frame	
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Stage 1 – Desired Results				
c	Communication	Т	Thinking	Personal and Social
Big Idea:				

The biosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere are interconnected, as matter cycles and energy flow through them.

	Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence			
Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments	Self-Assessment / Peer Assessment		
 Plant Fact Sheet Carbon Sequestration Assignment Reflection Journal: What did I learn today? What questions do I still have? Poster design – Indigenous Garden Soil Lab 	 Video Project – knowledge of Indigenous plants, medicinal uses, themes of Interconnectness. Science Story Project Test: Lessons 8-12 	Students will provide peer assessment and feedback for poster, video project, and science story project. In addition students will complete self- assessment based on rubric and upload evidence to their freshgrade portfolio.		

Sequence of Lessons:

#	Theme	Lesson Activities (Learning Experiences)	Resources
	What is TEK?	Hook: Exploring Questions – What does a person need to know to survive in the modern world?	Unit 1 – FNSC Science First Peoples Teacher Resource
		How would you survive if the power suddenly went off for good?	
		 How did First Nations survive in their territories from one generation to the next? Develop a list of types of knowledge and wisdom people would need to know. 	
		Read introduction to TEK here.	
		- Discuss with students why living sustainably on the land was essential for survival	
		Read a story – Clam gardens TEK example	
		Have students fill out Black line master that to explicit think about TEK	
		Reinforce concept of TEK through video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIGn4yd15_I</u>	
		Go back to the discussion questions from the beginning of the lesson.	
		Impacts of human activity on clam gardens.	
		Extension: ocean acidification causes damage to coral reefs, a key stone species. Impact on ecosystem diversity. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK_vRtHJZu4</u>	
1		http://www.firstvoices.com/en/HULQUMINUM Students explore - link to learn about Coast	Poster- environmental
	Interconne ctedness	Salish Peoples.	health from a First Nation Perspective
		Display poster: understanding environmental health from a first nations perspective	
		Students discuss this poster in groups and identify key themes.	River of Salmon Peoples
			(available district resource)
		Discussion: Theme Interconnectedness	First Voices:
		Examples from River of Salmon Peoples. Teacher provides the students with promotes. Students discuss in groups.	http://www.firstvoices.co
			m/en/HULQUMINUM

		Students create worldwall of words that related to idea of interconnectedness. Including	(ipads)
		Indigenous Languages words for interconnectedness.	Unit 7 – Interconnetedness of Sphere – Science First
		Journal Reflection: What does interconnectedness mean to you?	Peoples.
2	Family Connectio ns	 Individual Thinking and Discussion: What is a world view? What is your world view? How is the world view of most First Peoples like a family relationship? Hook: Video – theme for respect for living and non-living things Discussion points: Discuss the feelings, responsibilities and obligations most people have towards other members of their family. How a belief that everything in the universe – living things, rocks, rivers, lakes and stars – are our relative would affect the way that we treat the 	Unit 7 – Interconnectedness of Spheres – Science First Peoples
		environment. Depending on your lesson sequence lesson 2 and 3 can be done as one lesson.	
3	Connectio ns with Nature	Learning Intention: Content Mater cycles within biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem	
		 Students look at examples of ecosystems and identify living and non-living compounds. (possible explore local ecosystem here, nature walk) On nature walk students take images of plants, animals, fungi, non-living compounds, sun, water, nutrients. Students create mindmap to demonstrate how these compounds are connected. Discuss consequence of elimination of compounds or imbalances. 	
4		Learning Intention: Content Knowledge of Indigenous plants and medicinal uses	Book Library
		1. Video: Indigenous Plants Video Plant Diva	Books: Food plants of Coastal First Peoples

		 Students use available resources and research indigenous plants and medicinal uses Students complete fact sheet (Black line master Science First Peoples) Fact Sheet pg. 73 FNSC Science First Peoples Teachers Resource. Blackline master 2-3 – Formative Assessment 	Plant technology of First Peeople in BC UBC Indigenous plants Blog – Plant Diva <u>https://indigenousplantdiv</u> <u>a.wordpress.com/page/2/</u> Abby Aboriginal education print out Local Native Plant printout
5-7		 Learning Intention: Planning Indigenous garden 1. Lesson Indigenous garden design and conservation of water (see design a native plant garden worksheet) (formative assessment poster) 2. Extention 1: Soil Lab (formative assessment lab) 3. Extention 2: Planting Seeds to transplant to community garden. Possible Extensions: Lori Synder (guest speaker) – Have students complete card and hand made gift!!! Field Trip to UBC farm and walk by Medicinal Connective Field Trip to Stanley Park – nature walk local ecosystems Summative Assessment: Video Project – knowledge of Indigenous plants, medicinal uses, themes of Interconnectness. 	Design A Native Plant Unit Plan and Supplies Rubric for video project
8	Connecting Spheres	 Learning Intention Content: effects of solar radiation on the cycling of matter and energy Interconnectedness of Earth's Spheres 1. Video: Earth's System Interact https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnEP93QqVXc 2. Sphere stations Activity (at each station have information about each sphere students first go to all 5 stations to study information and then) 5 pieces of chart paper labelled sun, atmosphere, biosphere, geosphere, and hydrosphere. Divide students into 5 groups and provide them each a group with a different colour sticky notes. 	

	 Students write ways that the subject interacts with the other spheres. 	
9	Learning Intentions: effects of solar radiation on the cycling of matter and energy Chose an ecosystem to focus on (for example local ocean ecosystem)	Web of life activity: FNSC First Peoples Science
	 Show video of trophic cascade (whales) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M18HxXve3CM</u> Have students create trophic organizer including key compounds (energy from sun, nutrients, trophic levels, producers, primary consumers, secondary consumers, tertiary consumers, detrivores). Web of life activity: supplies string and list of organisms (use above example to reinforce concepts) Give each student the name of an organism and one have the sun Have students prepare cards based on the organism they were assigned The person holding the sun tosses the string to someone else in the circle, making sure they hold onto the end of the sting. The next student catches the string and tells one way that their organism interacts with the sun. Eventually a tangled web will be created Discuss what would happen if one of the objects was removed from the web. How is this similar to a real ecosystem. 	
10	 Learning Intention: Nutrient Cycles (carbon cycle and photosynthesis and human actions and impacts) 1. Direct Teaching Activity: Carbon Cycle (Science 10 pg. 71-77) How carbon is stored Photosynthesis Cellular Respiration 	

11		Learning Intention: Nutrient Cycles (carbon cycle and photosynthesis and human actions and impacts)
		Carbon Sequestration in Trees (pg. 156) Science First Peoples
12		Learning Intention: Nutrient Cycles (carbon cycle and photosynthesis and human actions and impacts)
		Human Activities and the Carbon Cycle
		 Focus on increase CO2 in the atmosphere and impacts on shellfish (ocean acidification) Possible extension: Guest speak – speak about clam gardens and impacts and connections to global warming. Student explore Burrard inlet Action Plan: A Tsleil-Waututh Perspective (Example of Action Plan)
13	Summative Assessmen t	Formal Test on lesson 8-12
14	End of	Research Using the 7Es
	Year Project (Every	Make your Science Story: Sample Learning Framework on pg. 198
	Friday starting	Environment, Engage, Explore, Elder, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluation
	after	1. Engage – Students pick something that interested them from one of the four
	spring break)	elements. What makes a good inquiry question – see handouts from Science 8 binder 2. Mini lesson on the 4 elements and connections from first peoples perspectives Environment: Spring Break Project: explore your local environment – assignment.