



Interact Middle School Library
Grades: 7, 8
States: Common Core State Standards

Interact Middle School Library: EARTH SCIENCE CONTRACTS: Earth Science Projects of Varying Lengths for Individuals and Groups
 Summary: Students devise contracts setting weekly goals for completing a range of activities utilizing multiple intelligences (written, oral, visual, kinesthetic, musical, and artistic). Students choose from topics including rocks and minerals, fossils and dinosaurs, Earth structures and movements, and natural resources. (9781573362665-INT953)

Common Core State Standards

Language Arts

Grade: 7 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7	Reading Standards for Informational Text
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.7.3	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.2b	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.7	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing

STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7	Speaking and Listening Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1a	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1b	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1c	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1d	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

Grade: 8 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.2b	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.7	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8	Writing Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Writing
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.8.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8	Speaking and Listening Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under

	Literacy.SL.8.1a	study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1b	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1c	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1d	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

Science

Grade: 7 - Adopted 2010

STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.1	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.2	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.3	Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Craft and Structure
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.4	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6-8 texts and topics.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.5	Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.6	Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.7	Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.9	Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8	Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.10	By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1a	Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1b	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1c	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1d	Establish and maintain a formal style.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.1e	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2a	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2b	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2c	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2d	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2e	Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2f	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8	Writing Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects
CATEGORY / CLUSTER		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3	(See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3a	Note: Students' narrative skills continue to grow in these grades. The Standards require that students be able to incorporate narrative elements effectively into arguments and informative/explanatory texts. In science and technical subjects, students must be able to write precise enough descriptions of the step-by-step procedures they use in their investigations or technical work that others can replicate them and (possibly) reach the same results.
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	Literacy.WHST.6-8.5	strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.
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STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.9	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.
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STANDARD	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3	(See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
EXPECTATION	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.3a	Note: Students' narrative skills continue to grow in these grades. The Standards require that students be able to incorporate narrative elements effectively into arguments and informative/explanatory texts. In science and technical subjects, students must be able to write precise enough descriptions of the step-by-step procedures they use in their investigations or technical work that others can replicate them and (possibly) reach the same results.
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