



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

Interact Middle School Library: INSECT ISLAND: A Simulation of Solving a Scientific Mystery while Learning About Insects

Summary: After hearing reports of 21-centimeter beetles inhabiting a South Pacific island, students investigate insects to answer the question: Could these beetles possibly live on a tropical island? Students learn about exoskeletons and endoskeletons, insect defenses, insect social habits, and metamorphosis. (9781573361040-INT995)

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.
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.
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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.
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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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