Grade 7

Activity: A Drop in the Bucket

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Energy in the Earth's systems

How do external and internal sources of energy affect the Earth's systems?

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Calculate the percentage of	C19. Explain how
result of the	fresh water available for	glaciation, weathering
interaction of	human use.	and erosion create and
constructive and	2. Explain why water is a limited	shape valleys and
destructive forces over	resource.	floodplains.
time.		
>Glaciation, weathering		
and erosion change the		
Earth's surface by		
moving earth materials		
form place to place.		

Activity: Adventures in Density

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Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Demonstrate how heat and	C19. Explain how
result of the	salinity affect the density of	glaciation, weathering
interaction of	water.	and erosion create and
constructive and	2. Relate the compactness of	shape valleys and
destructive forces over	water molecules to the density	floodplains.
time.	of water in different states.	
>Glaciation, weathering	3. Recognize that concepts of	
and erosion change the	density can be found in	
Earth's surface by	literature and daily life.	
moving earth materials		
from place to place.		

Activity: Back to the Future

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Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Analyze and interpret	C19. Explain how
result of the	streamflow data	glaciation, weathering
interaction of	2. Identify the risks and benefits	and erosion create and
constructive and	of development in a	shape valleys and
destructive forces over	floodplain.	floodplains.
time.		
>Glaciation, weathering		
and erosion change the		
Earth's surface by		
moving earth materials		
from place to place.		

Activity: Branching Out

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Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Predict where water will flow	C18. Describe how
result of the	in watersheds.	folded and faulted
interaction of	2. Describe drainage patterns in	rock layers provide
constructive and	watersheds.	evidence of the
destructive forces over		gradual up and down
time.		motion of the Earth's
>Volcanic activity and		crust.
the folding and faulting		
of rock layers during the		C19. Explain how
shifting of the Earth's		glaciation, weathering
crust affect the		and erosion create and
formation of mountains,		shape valleys and
ridges and valleys.		floodplains.
>Glaciation, weathering		
and erosion change the		
Earth's surface by		
moving earth materials		

from place to place.	

Activity: Energetic Water

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Energy Transfer and Transformation What is the role of energy in our world?

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	CMT
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.1 Energy provides	1. Identify the forms of energy in	C13. Explain how
the ability to do work	water	simple machines, such
and can exist in many	2. Demonstrate how water can be	as inclined planes,
forms.	used to do work.	pulleys and levers are
>Work is the process of		used to create
making objects move		mechanical advantage.
through the application		
of force.		C14. Describe how
>Energy can be stored		different types of
in many forms and can		stored (potential)
be transformed into the		energy can be used to
energy of motion.		make objects move.

Activity: Geyser Guts

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Energy in the Earth's System

How do external and internal sources of energy affect the Earth's systems?

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. List the conditions necessary	C18. Describe how
result of the	for a geyser	folded and faulted
interaction of	2. Compare and contrast a	rock layers provide
constructive and	geyser, hot spring, fumaroles,	evidence of the
destructive forces over	and mud pot.	gradual up and down
time.		motion of the Earth's
>Volcanic activity and		crust.

the folding and faulting	
of rock layers during the	
shifting of the Earth's	
crust affect the	
formation if mountains,	
ridges and valleys.	

Activity: Just Passing Through

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How do external and internal sources of energy affect the earth's systems?

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
(focus of standard)	(from Project WET activity)	Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Compare the rates at which	C10. Explain how
result of the	water flows down slopes with and	glaciation, weathering,
interaction of	without plant cover.	and erosion create and
constructive and	2. Identify Best Management	shape valleys and
destructive forces over	Practices that can be used to	floodplains.
time.	reduce erosion.	
> Glaciation,		
weathering, and erosion		
change the earth's		
surface by moving earth		
materials from place to		
place.		

Activity: Let's Even Things Out Page: 72

Structure and Function

How are organisms structured to ensure efficiency and survival?

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.2 Many organisms,	1. Describe and demonstrate the	C15. Describe the
including humans,	processes of osmosis and	basic structures of an
have specialized organ	diffusion.	animal cell, including
systems that interact		nucleus, cytoplasm,
with each other to		mitochondria and cell
maintain dynamic		membrane, and how
internal balance.		they function to
>All organisms are		support life.
composed of one or		

more cells; each cell	C16. Describe the
carries on life-sustaining	structures of the
functions.	human digestive,
>Multi-cellular	respiratory and
organisms need	circulatory systems,
specialized structures	and explain how they
and systems to perform	function to bring
basic life functions.	oxygen and nutrients
	to the cells and expel
	waste materials.

Activity: Macroinvertebrate Mayhem Page: 322

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	CMT Completion/Franceted
(focus of standard)	(from Project WET activity)	Correlation/Expected Performances
7.2 Many organisms including humans have specialized organ systems that interact with each other to maintain dynamic internal balance. >All organisms are composed of one or	 Illustrate how tolerance to water quality conditions varies among macroinvertebrate organisms. Explain how population diversity provides insight into the health of an ecosystem. 	C15. Describe the basic structures of an animal cell, including nucleus, cytoplasm, mitochondria and cell membrane, and how they function to support life.
more cells; each cell carries on life-sustaining functions. >Multicellular organisms need specialized structures and systems to perform basic life functions.		

Structure and Function How are organisms structured to ensure efficiency and survival?

Activity: Molecules in Motion

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Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances

7.3 Landforms are the	1. Model the effects of heat	C19. Explain how
result of the	energy on the state of water	glaciation, weathering
interaction of		and erosion create and
constructive and		shape valleys and
destructive forces over		floodplains.
time.		
>Glaciation, weathering		
and erosion change the		
Earth's surface by		
moving earth materials		
from place to place.		

Activity: Old Water

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Content Standard	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Appreciate the age of water	C19. Explain how
result of the		glaciation, weathering
interaction of	2. Compare the proportion of	and erosion create and
constructive and	time that water and life	shape valleys and
destructive forces over	processes have existed on	floodplains.
time.	Earth	-
>Glaciation, weathering		
and erosion change the		
Earth's surface by		
moving earth materials		
from place to place.		

Activity: Super Sleuths

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Science and Technology in Society How do science and technology affect the quality of our lives?

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	СМТ
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances

7.4 Technology allows us to improve food production and preservation, thus improving our ability to meet the nutritional needs of growing populations. >Various microbes compete with humans for the same sources of food.	 Identify the role of water in transmitting diseases. Compare symptoms of several waterborne diseases. Analyze the characteristics of environments that promote the transmission of these diseases around the world. 	C21. Describe how freezing, dehydration, pickling and irradiation prevent food spoilage caused by microbes.
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Activity: The Great Stony Brook

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		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Demonstrate water's	C18. Describe how
result of the	involvement in the processes	folded and faulted
interaction of	of sedimentation and erosion.	rock layers provide
constructive and	2. Recognizes that layers of	evidence of the
destructive forces over	sedimentary rock can contain	gradual up and down
time.	a record of earlier life (fossils)	motion of the Earth's
>Volcanic activity and	and environments.	crust.
the folding and faulting		
of rock layers during the		C19. Explain how
shifting of the Earth's		glaciation, weathering
crust affect the		and erosion create and
formation of mountains,		shape valleys and
ridges and valleys.		floodplains.
>Glaciation, weathering		
and erosion change the		
Earth's surface by		
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Activity: Wetland Soils in Living Color Page: 212

Content Standards	Activity Objectives	CMT
		Correlation/Expected
		Performances
7.3 Landforms are the	1. Classify soils according to	C19. Explain how
result of the	color to confirm that an area	glaciation, weathering
interaction of	is a wetland.	and erosion create and
constructive and	2. Describe conditions that	shape valleys and
destructive forces over	create the color characteristics	floodplains.
time.	of wetland soils.	
> Glaciation,		
weathering and erosion		
change the Earth's		
surface by moving earth		
materials from place to		
place.		

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