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Implementation Guide

Welcome to Disney’s Bill Nye DVD collection!
With the help of this Guide you can bring instructional DVDs into your science curriculum.

What’s on the DVD?
Bill Nye DVDs expand the educational features of Bill Nye the Science Guy programs. Each DVD provides students with science content through video clips aligned with National Science Education Standards (NSES) and a host of other resources.

Short video clips aligned with the NSES provide a unique opportunity for you to enhance your lessons using DVD technology. Now you can show a video clip, or even short segments of a clip, on command. But there are a host of other features, too! See the chart below for a summary.

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<td>Enjoy a short music video that summarizes the topic in an age-appropriate and entertaining manner.</td>
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**The Planning Process**

This Guide provides a Lesson Planning Worksheet (see page 12), which can assist you in setting up your instruction around a topic. The following sections of this Implementation Guide are offered to assist your planning process:

- **Determining Objectives and Linking to Standards**
- **The Learning Cycle**
  - Explore
  - Apply
  - Extend
  - Assess
Determining Objectives and Linking to Standards

1. The NSES Teaching Standard A states that science teachers must “select science content and adapt and design curricula to meet the interest, knowledge, understanding, abilities, and experience of students.”

The NSES recommends that teachers “integrate . . . a practical structure for the sequence of activities, and the content to be learned.” The primary instructional model recommended by the NSES is inquiry into authentic student-generated questions about natural or designed phenomena. Since most state and local standards documents were derived from the NSES, you will find that your local and state standards match closely with content standards in the Bill Nye DVD.

Each DVD contains a menu of clips that are aligned with the NSES. You can review the standards and their aligned clips in the Science Standards menu under Watch Program. Also, the Standards listed on page 10 of this Guide allow you to look at additional NSES content standards that are addressed on the video. Here’s an example of the content standards and clips aligned with the Bill Nye DVD entitled *Blood and Circulation*:

### Life Science Standards (NSES) Addressed in *Blood and Circulation*

**Life Science:**
Structure and function in living systems

- Living systems at all levels of organization demonstrate the complementary nature of structure and function.

  **Aligned clips:**
  - 1  Blood vessels
  - 2  Heart pump and bloodstream
  - 3  Heart valves and blood circulation
  - 4  White blood cells
  - 5  Capillaries

- The human organism has systems for digestion, respiration, reproduction, circulation, excretion, movement, control, and coordination, and for protection.

  **Aligned clips:**
  - 6  Heart pump
  - 7  Heart muscle
  - 8  Pumping blood to brain
2. Determine your objectives for the lesson and how these objectives address the standards.

**Sample Objectives for Blood and Circulation**

In this activity students will:
- Observe and describe a body system responsible for supply and transport.
- Use this information to define a body system.
- Ask questions about the circulatory system.
- Explain how structure complements function in organs of the circulatory system.
- Cite examples of current research related to this system.

3. Design a learning cycle of instructional experiences and assessments for the students to engage in that will help students meet these standards. Students may be given teacher-planned investigations or may be guided to design their own investigations.

**The Learning Cycle**

The learning cycle is a sequence of activities that involve students in the learning process. The sequence found here is based on research from Lawson, Abraham, and Renner published in 1989. That has been adapted to include: Explore, Apply, Extend and Assess:

**Explore:** Involves assessing students’ prior knowledge and providing opportunities for students to interact with content from the video.

**Apply:** Includes having students use the content learned during the Explore section in a new way that is meaningful to future learning.

**Extend:** Allows students to conduct further research around an area of interest within the topic.

**Assess:** Provides strategies meant to inform students and teachers about the content and processes that have been learned.

**Explore**

The NSES Teaching Standard B states: “Teachers of science guide and facilitate learning.” This standard addresses the constant need to balance your predetermined goals with allowing students to set and meet their own learning goals.

*Focus and Support Inquiries:* Support student inquiries by making decisions about “when to provide information” and “when to connect students with other sources.” Knowing the best time to intervene is often determined by allowing students to ask questions and to explore concepts openly.
The NSES Teaching Standard C states: “Teachers of science engage in ongoing assessment of their teaching and of student learning.”

Assess in Order to Guide Teaching: The Program Overview or the Discussion Starter on the DVD can be used to gauge students’ prior knowledge. You can use student responses to make decisions about appropriate instruction and adaptations in order to meet the needs of individual students. Assessment can be in the form of student reflections from standards-aligned video clips or answers to questions found on the science quiz. Or, as in the following example, a simple graphic organizer can facilitate a formative assessment.

Example: T-Chart from Blood and Circulation

1. Ask students to fill out the “Know-New” T-Chart (see page 14). Have them list what they already know about the circulatory system (heart, blood vessels, blood, etc.) on the left side of their charts.

2. Show the Program Overview for Blood and Circulation. On the right side of the chart, have students list new things they have learned from watching the clip. Walk around the room and assist students in filling in their T-Charts. Replay the program as necessary to allow students to review sections of interest.

3. Once students have completed their charts, ask them to share what they have listed in the “New” column. Write these on the board. Have students write their own working definitions of the circulatory system. Once students have completed their definitions, collect and review their work to assess prior knowledge.

Conduct direct vocabulary instruction in the Explore phase. Research suggests that:

- Students must encounter words in context more than once to learn them.
- Instruction in new words enhances learning those words in context.
- One of the best ways to learn a new word is to associate an image with it.
- Direct vocabulary instruction on words that are critical to new content produces the most powerful learning.

Use the DVD Glossary with the linked video clips to expose students to new vocabulary words in context, along with associated video images. You can also find a printed version of the glossary terms in this Guide on page 16.
Example: Using the Glossary for Direct Vocabulary Instruction

**Blood and Circulation**

1. Present students with a brief explanation or description of the new term or phrase from the glossary. For example: “Capillary: A small blood vessel that connects arteries and veins.”

2. Present students with a nonlinguistic representation of the new term or phrase. Show the video clip associated with the term “capillary.”

3. Ask students to generate their own verbal description of “capillary.”

4. Ask students to create their own nonlinguistic representation of “capillary.”

5. Periodically ask students to review the accuracy of their explanations and representations. This can be done after the Apply activities.

Apply

Based on the information you gained from the Explore assessments, design appropriate activities for your students. Check the experiments listed in the Episode Guide (see page 11) for explanations of the demonstrations from the Bill Nye program as well as for additional experiments designed to help apply the knowledge gained.

In the following example from *Blood and Circulation*, the standards-based video clips provide background information, and an experiment from the Guide helps students apply what they have learned about arteries and veins.

Example: The Structure and Function of Arteries and Veins

1. Have students begin “Know-New” T-Charts, focusing on what they already know about the structure and function of blood vessels, arteries, and veins.

2. Watch the following chapters from the Bill Nye DVD *Blood and Circulation*:
   - Blood vessels
   - Heart pump and bloodstream
   - Capillaries

3. Complete the “Know-New” T-Charts.

4. Give students copies of the Student Recording Sheet (see page 15) and have them fill the sheets out as they conduct their experiments.

5. Do the experiment entitled “Pump it Up!” from the *Blood and Circulation* Episode Guide, in which students observe the apparent effects of pressure on arteries and veins.

6. Write down any remaining questions about the structure and function of blood vessels, arteries, and veins.
Extend

The NSES Teaching Standard D states: “Teachers of science design and manage learning environments that provide students with the time, space, and resources needed for learning science.” School administrators, parents, and the community can assist teachers in providing local resources that make science lessons pertinent and meaningful.

Identify and Use Resources Outside of the School: “The school science program must extend beyond the walls of the school.” Each Bill Nye DVD contains resources designed to facilitate such understanding, including:

- Way Cool Scientist, found in both Watch Program and Bonus Materials, in which scientists discuss their current areas of study. This real-world connection often results in a deeper student understanding of a particular career.
- Disney’s Edustation Web site, where relevant Internet links provide a starting point for students to further explore science topics.
- Try these video clips, with activities parents and students can do at home. The questions generated by students from these experiences can be used as foundations from which they may conduct their own research.
- Standards-aligned video clips and Bill’s demonstration video clips, which can help generate topics for further research. After viewing the clips, have students list their questions, perhaps about the most current developments in a topic. By conducting online or library research, students will find answers to their questions and will learn about a topic in greater depth.

Example: Conducting Student Research Using Blood and Circulation

Ask students to choose one of the questions they had after completing the activities from Blood and Circulation. An example of a student research question might be, “How has the technology related to artificial hearts advanced in the last ten years?” Explain to students that they will be conducting research to find answers to their questions. Some students may want to complete online or library research, others may want to ask an expert in the field, while others may want to design and conduct a scientific investigation. Encourage students to write a detailed procedure for finding answers to their questions. Ask students to find one or more examples of current research dealing with the circulatory system that is related to their question. **Note:** Students with similar questions may work together to complete the assignment.
Assess

Once students have conducted the research, you may choose to assess them in a number of different ways:

- By having students write about what they learned in a journal.
- By having students submit projects or reports.
- By having students take the program quiz to gauge their understanding of certain facts in the video. You can either print the quiz (found in this Guide on page 18) and have each student complete it individually or use the DVD screen version and the scoring feature for whole-class assessment.
- By designing other standards-aligned questions to augment those that are provided.

While the quiz will provide you with information about what the students have learned, it does not assess how students have processed the information. Below you will find assessment ideas that can be used to measure both content and process.

A Sample Assessment for Blood and Circulation

1. Explain to students that an important aspect of scientific inquiry is to communicate findings to others. In this assessment, students will present the following information to their peers:
   - The question they investigated.
   - The method that was used to find answers to their question.
   - Problems or successes during the search.
   - Answers to their question.
   - Current research related to their question.
   - New questions that have arisen.

2. Distribute the rubric found in the Lesson Planning Worksheet (see page 13) to students so they know how they will be assessed. Make sure students understand the criteria found in the rubric. Before you begin, you may want to allow students to make changes to the rubric so that it is clearer or makes more sense from their perspectives.

3. Allow students time to gather information to answer their questions and to prepare for their presentations. As students conduct this work, walk around the room and ask questions to assess their progress and provide input as needed.

4. Take a few minutes to clarify the rules of the presentation with the students. You may want to have multiple copies of the rubric available so that peers can rate the presentations.

5. As presentations are made, assess the quality of the student’s work as thoroughly and as equitably as you possibly can.

Congratulations! You have now completed the steps to set up a lesson plan using the Lesson Planning Worksheet. You have also explored many of the features of the Bill Nye DVD as well as the supplemental information found in this Teacher’s Guide. And most important, you’ve made significant strides toward incorporating DVD technology into your day-to-day instruction.
Science as Inquiry

Abilities necessary to do scientific inquiry

- Identify questions that can be answered through scientific investigations.
- Design and conduct a scientific investigation.
- Use appropriate tools and techniques to gather, analyze, and interpret data.
- Develop descriptions, explanations, predictions, and models using evidence.
- Think critically and logically to make the relationships between evidence and explanations.

Understandings about scientific inquiry

- Different kinds of questions suggest different kinds of scientific investigations. Some investigations involve observing and describing objects, organisms, or events; some involve collecting specimens; some involve experiments; some involve seeking more information; some involve discovery of new objects and phenomena; and some involve making models.
- Current scientific knowledge and understanding guide scientific investigations. Different scientific domains employ different methods, core theories, and standards to advance scientific knowledge and understanding.

Physical Science

Properties and changes of properties in matter

- A substance has characteristic properties, such as density, a boiling point, and solubility, all of which are independent of the amount of the sample. A mixture of substances often can be separated into the original substances using one or more of the characteristic properties.

Transfer of energy

- Heat moves in predictable ways, flowing from warmer objects to cooler ones, until both reach the same temperature.

Earth and Space Science

Structure of the earth system

- The solid earth is layered with a lithosphere; hot, convecting mantle; and dense, metallic core.
- Lithospheric plates on the scales of continents and oceans constantly move at rates of centimeters per year in response to movements in the mantle. Major geological events, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and mountain building, result from these plate motions.
Land forms are the result of a combination of constructive and destructive forces. Constructive forces include crustal deformation, volcanic eruption, and deposition of sediment, while destructive forces include weathering and erosion.

Some changes in the solid earth can be described as the "rock cycle." Old rocks at the earth's surface weather, forming sediments that are buried, then compacted, heated, and often recrystallized into new rock. Eventually, those new rocks may be brought to the surface by the forces that drive plate motions, and the rock cycle continues.

Soil consists of weathered rocks and decomposed organic material from dead plants, animals, and bacteria. Soils are often found in layers, with each having a different chemical composition and texture.

Water is a solvent. As it passes through the water cycle it dissolves minerals and gases and carries them to the oceans.

Living organisms have played many roles in the earth system, including affecting the composition of the atmosphere, producing some types of rocks, and contributing to the weathering of rocks.

Earth's history

The earth processes we see today, including erosion, movement of lithospheric plates, and changes in atmospheric composition, are similar to those that occurred in the past. Earth history is also influenced by occasional catastrophes, such as the impact of an asteroid or comet.

Science and Technology

Understandings about science and technology

Scientific inquiry and technological design have similarities and differences. Scientists propose explanations for questions about the natural world, and engineers propose solutions relating to human problems, needs, and aspirations. Technological solutions are temporary; technologies exist within nature and so they cannot contravene physical or biological principles; technological solutions have side effects; and technologies cost, carry risks, and provide benefits.

History and Nature of Science

Science as a human endeavor

Women and men of various social and ethnic backgrounds—and with diverse interests, talents, qualities, and motivations—engage in the activities of science, engineering, and related fields such as the health professions. Some scientists work in teams, and some work alone, but all communicate extensively with others.

Science requires different abilities, depending on such factors as the field of study and type of inquiry. Science is very much a human endeavor, and the work of science relies on basic human qualities, such as reasoning, insight, energy, skill, and creativity—as well as on scientific habits of mind, such as intellectual honesty, tolerance of ambiguity, skepticism, and openness to new ideas.

Nature of science

Scientists formulate and test their explanations of nature using observation, experiments, and theoretical and mathematical models. Although all scientific ideas are tentative and subject to change and improvement in principle, for most major ideas in science, there is much experimental and observational confirmation. Those ideas are not likely to change greatly in the future. Scientists do and have changed their ideas about nature when they encounter new experimental evidence that does not match their existing explanations.
Episode Guide

Rocks & Soil

Nifty Questions in This Episode | Awesome Answers
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In what state did all the rocks in the world once exist? | All the rocks in the world once existed in a melted state.
What breaks rock down? | Wind and rain break rock down and make sand.
What is dirt? | Dirt is rock, broken down.
What are the three types of rocks? | The three types of rock are igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic.

Experiments shown on the video:

**CRYSTAL CLEAR**

*Objective:* To make crystals.

- Cut black construction paper to fit inside a jar lid.
- Pour 1/4 cup Epsom salts (obtained from a drug store) into 1 cup water.
- Pour some of the Epsom salts solution into the lid and let it sit for a day.
- Crystals will form. Notice how crystals draw together.

**More interesting stuff to do:**

**EAT EM UP!!**

*Objective:* To demonstrate the three basic forms of rock.

- Use a cookie or brownie mix in powder form (sedimentary rock).
- Mix ingredients together and add to the recipe if necessary. Change begins to occur (metamorphic rock).
- Place cookie or brownie mix in an oven and bake at the proper temperature (igneous rock).
- Try adding some chocolate chips, nuts or candy to make conglomerate rock or various forms of metamorphic rock.

**THE LAYERED LOOK**

*Objective:* To demonstrate how hot, molten magma could penetrate the Earth’s layers through vents.

- Place a large (26.5- by 24.4-centimeter), heavy-duty zippered freezer bag on a table with the open end up.
- Cut a 25.5- by 24.4-centimeter piece of tag board (or stiff cardboard) and trim to fit just inside the freezer bag.
- Insert the tag board into bag.
- Use the following ingredients to build Earth layers on both sides of the tag board inside the bag.
  - Pour pudding or yogurt across the bottom of one side of the bag 8 centimeters high.
  - Stick three large straws into the pudding or yogurt. Space them across the bottom of bag, sticking up towards the bag opening.
  - Build four or five layers, each 3 centimeters high, on top of the pudding/yogurt. Each layer should be made up of different materials (pebbles, soil, clay, sand, mixed material, minerals, etc.).
  - All layers should resemble the Earth’s layers in appearance and texture. A funnel or a cone made from a piece of notebook paper will help you pour the different layers.
  - A sucking action on one of the straws will bring the pudding or yogurt (magma) to the top of the straw (volcanic action).
  - Use a ball pump to pump air through one of the straws. This pumped air will force the pudding or yogurt out one of the straw openings (some may ooze along the layers).
  - Build additional layers on the other side of the tag board (different configuration and substances) for comparison.
  - What happens to the Earth’s layers as the pudding or yogurt is pumped out through straws? Do they shift, change, lift up, or fall? Explain.
Lesson Planning Worksheet

Lesson Title

Objectives

Estimated Time Required

Materials Needed

Explore

Apply

Extend

National Science Educational Standards

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As presentations are made, assess the quality of the student's work as thoroughly and as equitably as you possibly can. The following criteria can be used to assist in your assessment.

**Name of Student**

**Question Investigated**

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<td>2  Question is defined but limited to single-answer responses.</td>
<td>2  Students do not share planned or actual methods.</td>
<td>3  Student results are complete and do not adequately answer the question.</td>
<td>2  Presenter has distracting mannerisms and avoids eye contact with the audience.</td>
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<td>3  Question is clear and might elicit multiple responses that may lead to new ideas and additional questions.</td>
<td>3  Students share methods but not the problems or successes of using the methods.</td>
<td>4  Student results are complete, include current research, and have resulted in one or more additional questions.</td>
<td>3  Presentation is clean and clear with some eye contact and very few distractions.</td>
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<td>4  Question is engaging and provokes new ways of thinking about an issue.</td>
<td>4  Students share methods and problems or successes in using the methods.</td>
<td>4  Student results are complete, include current research, and have resulted in one or more additional questions.</td>
<td>4  Presentation is exceptional and unique. Presenter uses regular eye contact and avoids distractions.</td>
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**Bill Nye the Science Guy**

**Student “Know / New” Chart**

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<td>Write down information from the video that is new to you.</td>
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Bill Nye the Science Guy

Student Recording Sheet

Title of Experiment ____________________________________________

Question: (What are you testing?) ____________________________________________

Procedure: (Describe the experiment) ____________________________________________

Materials: (List what you used) ____________________________________________

Observations: (Record what happened) ____________________________________________

Results: (Make your own data table)

Results Table

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Conclusions: (Use your observations and results to describe what you learned)

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Name __________________________ Date __________________________
Glossary
Rocks & Soil

Fold and cut to use as flashcards.

SOIL
The Earth's surface layer, which consists of weathered rocks and decomposed organic material from dead plants, animals, and bacteria.

IGNEOUS
Rock that is formed from hot melted materials.

SEDIMENTARY
Rock that is formed from sediments.

METAMORPHIC
Rock that is formed when very great heat and pressure force changes to the crystal structures of minerals and rocks.
**ROCK CYCLE**

The process by which rock is changed from one class to another (igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic).

**erosion**

The group of natural processes, including weathering, dissolution, abrasion, corrosion, and transportation, which wear material from the Earth's surface.
Quiz
Rocks & Soil

True or False? Circle T or F

1. Rocks have different properties such as hardness and texture. T or F
2. Metamorphic rocks form when heat and pressure cause sedimentary or igneous rocks to recrystallize into new rock. T or F
3. Soil is made up of dirt with decomposed organic material. T or F
4. The process of wave erosion is a relatively new phenomenon on Earth. T or F
5. At every depth, soil composition remains the same. T or F

Multiple Choice: Circle the letter of the best answer.

6. Volcanic eruptions are an example of:
   A Weathering
   B Something that forms new land
   C Plate movement
   D Erosion

7. Which of the following rocks is formed from molten material?
   A Igneous
   B Sedimentary
   C Metamorphic
   D All of the above

8. Which of the following rocks is formed from sediments that are buried and compacted?
   A Igneous
   B Sedimentary
   C Metamorphic
   D All of the above
Answer Key
Rocks & Soil

1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. B
7. A
8. B