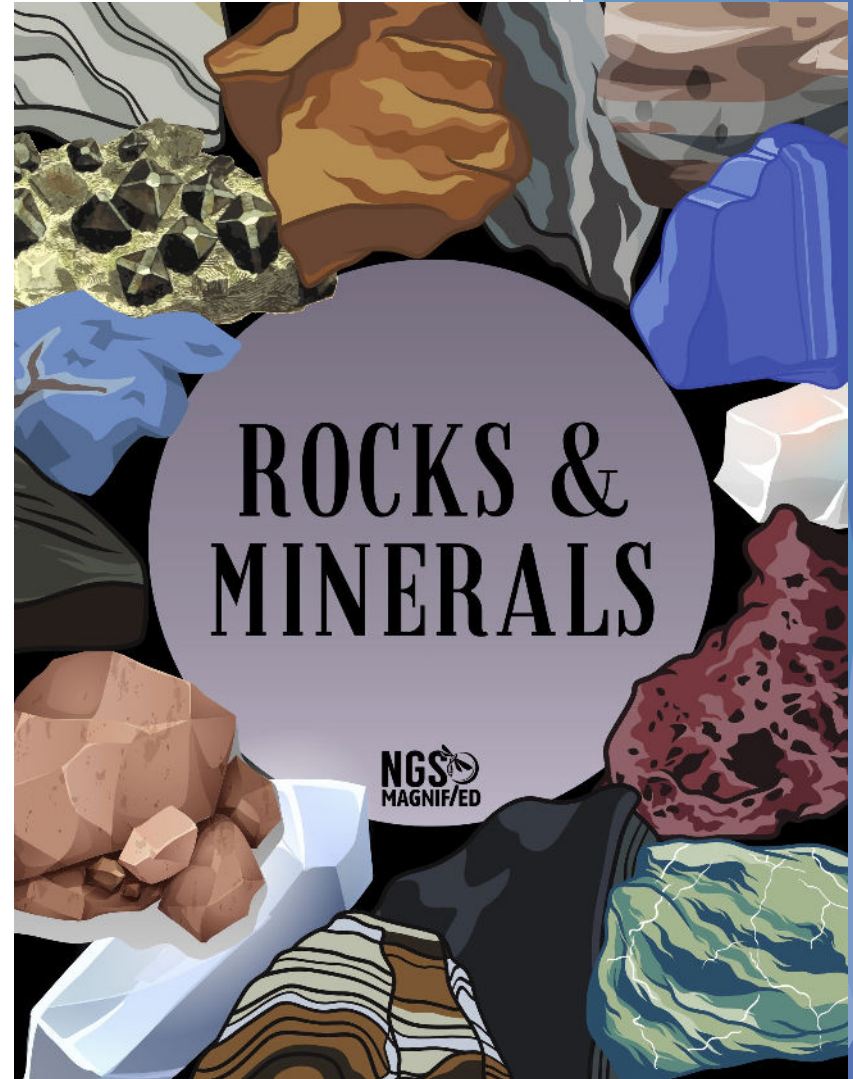




# Rocks & Minerals

Rocks and Minerals Unit includes:

- Print and digital Interactive Notebooks
- Editable Resources, including notes, PowerPoints, and test
- Instructional Videos
- Teacher-led Demos & Guided Inquiry Labs
- Task Cards & Digital Task Cards
- Study Guides



## Suggested Pacing Guide

The following is a **suggested pacing guide** for my COMPLETE COURSES (Earth, Life or Physical Science) which are based on 50-minute class periods. There are three variations below. Each variation is based on the **number of sections in your SCIENCE INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK chapter**.

Based on a **4-Section Chapter**

Day	Lesson/Activity	Engage	Explain	Explore	Elaborate	Evaluate
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Demo</li> <li>Section 1 Notes – INB input</li> <li>INB Activity – INB output (homework if not completed in class)</li> </ul>	x				
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				x		
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini-quiz</li> <li>Section 2 Notes – use PowerPoint</li> <li>INB Activity</li> </ul>					x
			x			
				x		
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini-quiz</li> <li>Guided Inquiry Lab – Student Led</li> </ul>					x
				x		
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			x			
				x		
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini quiz</li> <li>Science Stations</li> </ul>				x	
7	Science Stations				x	
8	Final draft and testing for Creation Station (STEM)				x	x
9	Task Card Review (game-style, full class, partner)				x	
10	Chapter Test					x
	Have students complete notes for next chapter*	x				

\* **Note-taking option:** Once students are done with chapter test, they get the next set of notes and work quietly on completing them while other students finish up. All notes are to be completed when they return to class. Have students glue each page of notes into the next few pages of their INB (right side only). This way, when you go over the PowerPoint each day, they have already reviewed topic and are ready for class.

### 5 E Model

**Engage** – Teacher-led demos foster wonder and classroom discussion and serve as the hook for the lesson. Videos and images of natural phenomena also foster questioning and communication. NGSS phenomena are aligned to middle school NGSS standards.

**Explain** – PowerPoints, instructional videos, and guided notes (input side of interactive notebooks) provide definitions, explanations, and information through mini-lecture, text, internet, and other resources which encourages students to explain concepts and definitions in their own words.

**Explore** – Students investigate problems, events, or situations. As a result of their mental and physical involvement in these activities, students question events, observe patterns, identify and test variables, and communicate results.

**Elaborate** – It is important to involve students in further experiences that apply, extend, or elaborate the concepts, processes, or skill they are learning. Elaborate activities provide time for students to apply their understanding of concepts and skills. They might apply their understanding to similar phenomena or problems.

**Evaluate** – Use a variety of assessment to gather evidence of student's understanding and provide opportunities for them to assess their own progress.

# Student Interactive Notebook

Each concept shares:

- Actual photos of both the INPUT and OUTPUT pages of Science Interactive Notebook
- Instructions on how to create/use/complete activity for OUTPUT side
- Mini-Quizzes for each concept to check students' understanding
- Answer Keys for all mini-quizzes
- Appendix with Teacher Notes for Interactive Notebook in LARGE print.

**Introduction**

If you are new to the idea of using a classroom, stop by my Nitty Gritty Science Interactive Notebooks tutorial how to begin with your students, what importantly, how it will enhance your classroom.

**Focused Lessons with Differentiated Instruction**

The lessons shared on the following pages meet students' needs. I have given students having the Side - Out (200) resources on the Left Side.

**Instructions on materials**

First, but then, no you will be areas.

**Mini-Quiz**

Mini quiz understanding you can do

**Section 1: Properties of Minerals**

**MINERAL PROPERTIES**

STREAK LUSTER CRYSTAL SYSTEM

Directions:

1. Cut out the following vocabulary/description on boxes below.
2. Describe the boxes to fit into each category of the Mineral Properties on the following page.
3. Paste each box under the proper category of properties making sure descriptions on the flow chart to help with movement.
4. Paste completed flow chart into your Science Interactive Notebook.

**Properties of Minerals Flow Chart**

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**Answer Key**

Answer: Each mineral has characteristic properties to identify it.

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**Section 2: Mineral Formation & Resources**

**How Minerals Form**

**Introduction**

Minerals are usually formed through crystallization, which is the process that occurs when particles dissolved in a liquid solidify in an orderly, repeating pattern and form crystals. Geologists can use the physical and chemical properties of these minerals to determine the type of environment in which they formed.

**Directions:**

1. Cut the dotted lines on the diagram to create sides of each flap on their open up.
2. Cut out descriptions below of how minerals form in the diagrams in the appropriate window.
3. Research and find two picture examples of where minerals were formed. Paste two examples in the two windows.
4. Paste completed diagram and two into your notebook.

**Description:**

Students will understand the process of mineral formation when they complete this activity. They will then be asked to research and find minerals that are formed by each method and complete a data table.

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**Description:**

The final activity for this chapter is helping students understand the formation of sedimentary rock through erosion and pressure. Students will need to recognize which diagram matches the vocabulary term and definition to create this colorful vocabulary flap diagram.

A student printable, a teacher answer key and a mini-quiz are included for this concept.



# Student Digital Notebook

The student notebook is on Google Drive and ready for you to share with your students. Here's a quick overview of the features:

Set up like a traditional interactive notebook with input and output sides.

Hyperlinked tabs so student can easily move through chapter for review

Students watch video < 6 min to complete notes.

The screenshot displays a digital notebook interface with several sections and interactive elements:

- Left Panel:** Contains directions for the activity, a list of minerals to research, and a table for recording findings.
- Central Panel:** Features a diagram titled "HOW MINERALS FORM" showing different geological environments (Cool Solutions, Hot Solutions, Magma) and a table for recording mineral names and pictures.
- Right Panel:** Includes a section titled "MINERAL FORMATION & RESOURCES" with text, a video player, and a "Digital Textbook" button.
- Bottom Panel:** Contains a "For further exploration, click button(s) below:" section with a "Mineral Formation" button.

Red arrows point from the text descriptions to specific features in the notebook interface:

- From "Set up like a traditional interactive notebook with input and output sides." to the left panel.
- From "Hyperlinked tabs so student can easily move through chapter for review" to the right panel.
- From "Students watch video < 6 min to complete notes." to the video player.
- From "Encouraging independent learners. Directions for output side are here along with what they need to complete the activity." to the left panel.
- From "Notes are chunked into manageable sections with large spaces for textboxes" to the central panel.
- From "Some pages have links so students can go deeper into the topic if they need." to the "Digital Textbook" button.

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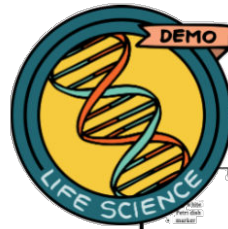
# Demos, labs, & Science Stations

Working in the lab and being engaged in science experiments is the most exciting part of science.

Demo, Labs, and Science Stations Includes:

1. **SCIENCE STATION SIGNAGE** for all 7 stations is provided in color and in black and white (see preview) and all student answer sheets have icons that correspond with each station for ease of use.
2. **DEMONSTRATION** (teacher-led) allows teachers to invite scientific discussions and can help uncover misconceptions and, most importantly, lead to heightened curiosity and interest in the topic being studied.
3. **GUIDED INQUIRY LAB** which is a traditional lab that allows students to perform an investigation in order to solve a problem. Students will hypothesize, collect and analyze data and communicate their results.
4. **TEACHER GUIDES to DEMOS & SCIENCE STATIONS** help get you started and give you background information to make your science lessons engaging.
5. **7 SCIENCE STATIONS** which are designated locations in the classroom with activities that challenge students to extend their knowledge and elaborate on their science skills by working independently of the teacher in small groups or pairs. Stations included are:
  - **INFORMATION STATION** – Group members will read an interesting and relevant science passage then complete a task to help increase science literacy and deepen their understanding of the science concept.
  - **OBSERVATION STATION** – Group members will have images, illustrations, or actual samples at this station that show applications or processes of the science topic. Using what they've learned, they will need to apply their observation skills to complete the questions attached to each.
  - **CALCULATION STATION** – Group members use their math skills to complete the station challenge. Skills may include graphing, analyzing data, using models, measurement, and calculating formulas or word problems.
  - **INVESTIGATION STATION** – Group members will work with one another to explore the concept through hands-on activities so they may practice specific inquiry process skills as they learn.
  - **COMMUNICATION STATION** – There are three different options for this station: interviews, video, group essay. Depending on the option you choose, group members will communicate what they know by answering questions in creative ways.
  - **CREATION STATION** – Group members will work together to solve a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) challenge by creating models or designs that demonstrate their understanding of the science topic being taught.
  - **IMAGINATION STATION** – This station makes science concepts relevant for students by asking them to imagine scenarios that will bring about discussion and critical thinking.
6. **INQUIRY PROCESS SKILLS CHECKLIST** is provided with each set to show teachers and administrators the inquiry skills used by students in each activity. These skills include, but are not limited to, communicating, creating models, inferring, classifying, identifying variables, measuring, observing, predicting, gathering and organizing data, comparing and contrasting, interpreting data, and manipulating materials.

# SCIENCE STATIONS



### Eye Safety

SCIENCE SKILLS AND LAB SAFETY

**Materials:**

- goggles
- apron and GLOVES
- eye wash
- low dropper
- water

**Procedure:**

1. Place an eye on the underside of the Petri dish and display for class using the projector.
2. Each group the goggles placed for eye vision only of the Petri dish.
3. Explain that the proteins in egg whites are similar to those found in the protective layer of the eye.
4. Tell them that someone's eye has been damaged and has splashed with raw egg white. Call drops of water to the egg whites.
5. Ask students to make observations of what is happening to the egg whites.
6. Try adding water to cover the effects. Have students make observations.

**What's Happening?**

The proteins in the egg white become cloudy when raw egg is exposed to a denaturation of the proteins. This is an irreversible chemical reaction and students need to understand that a chemical reaction can cause damage to their eyes or skin if not used properly. Students must be made aware of the safety procedures involved like such as wearing goggles, gloves and aprons. Make sure they are aware of safety equipment: eye wash, gloves, apron, eye goggles, etc.

**Discussion:**

1. What happened to the "eye"?
2. The protective layer between the eye and the egg white.
3. What type of safety equipment must be worn when doing lab?
4. Goggles, apron, hat, gloves.

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Discussion questions and teacher set-up included!

Teacher guide and answer key offered for every lab!

Easy-to-get materials!



### Measure with SI Units

SCIENCE SKILLS AND LAB SAFETY

**Materials:**

- standard system of measurement used by scientists around the world is known as the International System of Units, which is abbreviated as SI. It is very easy to use because they use basic units of measurement.
- SI units are used to measure length, mass, volume, time, temperature, etc.
- The following table lists the prefixes used to name the basic common SI units.

Prefix	Symbol	Amount
kilo-	k	1,000
hecto-	h	100
deka-	da	10
deci-	d	0.1
centi-	c	0.01
milli-	m	0.001

**Materials:**

- graduated cylinder
- tape
- balance
- weighing scale
- equipment (e.g., small scale, balance)
- graduated cylinder
- metric ruler
- 10 mL graduated cylinder
- graduated cylinder

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### Drip, Drop, Splat!

How does the density of a liquid and drop height affect the shape of droplet splatters?

**Materials:**

- colored water (graduated cylinder A)
- colored syrup (graduated cylinder B)
- eye dropper
- paper
- metric ruler
- meter stick

**Procedure:**

1. Make a hypothesis of how density of a liquid will affect splatter size on your lab sheet.
2. Place the piece of paper down on the lab table in order to catch splatters.
3. Measure the heights listed in the data table using a meter stick. Place meter stick with end starting at zero on paper and move up stick when increasing height of drop.
4. Use the eye dropper to drop ONE drop of colored water and ONE drop of colored syrup. Make sure to drop on different places on paper.
5. Measure the size of the splatter in MILLIMETERS. Record in data table on answer sheet.
6. Repeat for each height.
7. Use the collected data to graph the splatter size versus drop height for each liquid.

**Analyze and Conclude**

1. Was your hypothesis correct? Explain.
2. What are two controls in your experiment that helped you collect the most accurate data possible?

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USER-FRIENDLY PAGES:  
Students easily recognize which answer sheet to use at each station by matching station icons located on each page!!

### Investigation Station

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Hypothesis**

Drop Height (cm)

Drop Height (cm)	Water	Syrup
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

**Height of Drop vs. Splatter Size**

Height of Drop (cm)

Splatter Size (mm)

Legend:

- Water
- Syrup

**Analyze and Conclude:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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TEACHERS SAVE TIME:  
Laminate station pages and reuse for each class and for years to follow!  
Inquiry skills used are timeless!

# Instructional Videos

Rocks and Minerals Instructional Videos and Digital Assessments are designed to help teachers move instruction from the group learning space to the individual learning space. Not only does this give students independence in their learning, but it also allows more time for dynamic and interactive learning when teachers meet with students in a group setting.

This resource is perfect for:

- Flipped Classroom
- Absent students
- 1:1 Classrooms
- Sub Plans
- Hybrid Schedules
- Teachers who want more time to guide students as they apply concepts and engage creatively in the subject matter

Features of this resource include:

- Instructional videos which are six minutes or less to keep students focus
- Videos and assessments can be completed independently
- Auto grading and reporting in Google Forms
- Share link with students through educational platforms or email
- Quizzes are editable with 5 – 8 questions per quiz
- Information in video pairs with NGS Magnified Interactive Notebooks

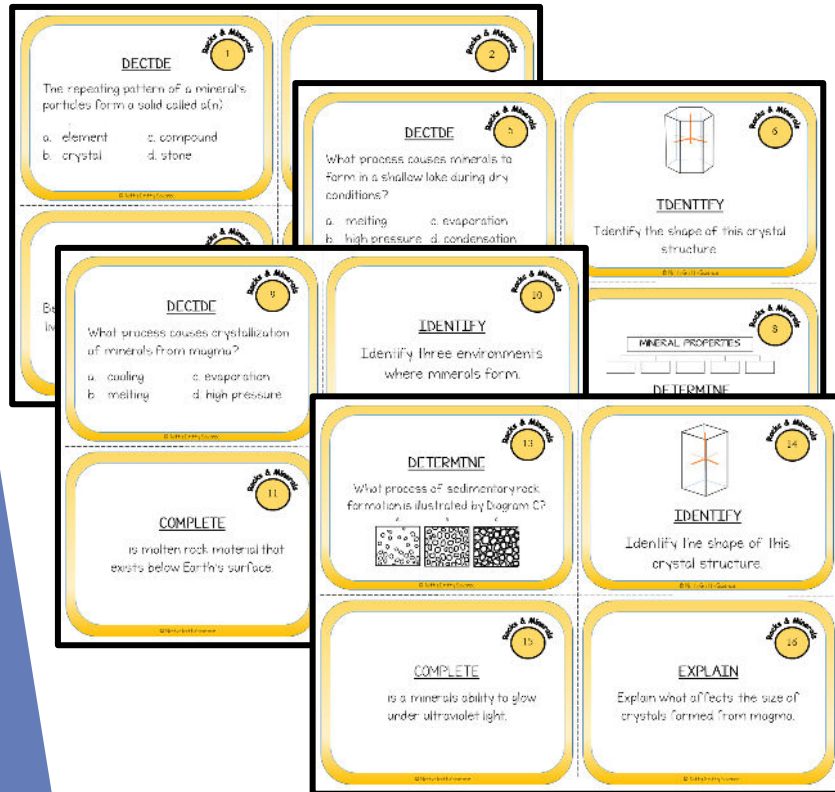


# Task Cards & Digital Task Cards

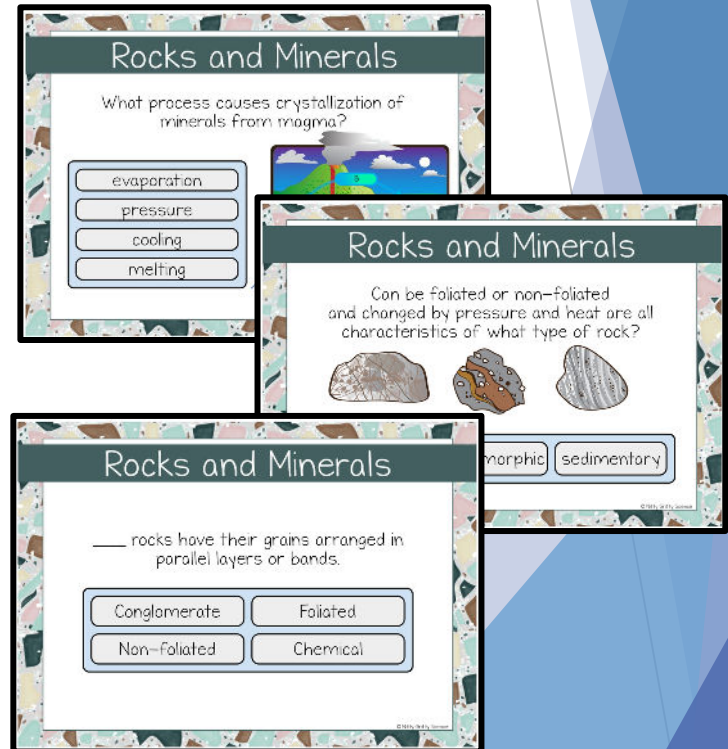
Task cards are a great tool for concept review that can be used in a variety of ways – pairs, small groups, team games, or individually. The reason they are so effective is there is only ONE task per card, allowing students to focus on that single task until they have successfully completed it. Answers sheet and answer key for teachers are included.

The digital, self-checking task cards are hosted at Boom Learning™ and are compatible with Google Classroom. These are perfect for displaying on your interactive whiteboard and leading class games or review sessions.

Print Task Cards



Digital Task Cards





# Study Guides: Includes **print** or **digital** options

NGS Magnified Study Guides are directly aligned to the notes and assessments offered by NGS Magnified and include a variety of review strategies that meet the needs of your learners for independent study and indirect instruction.

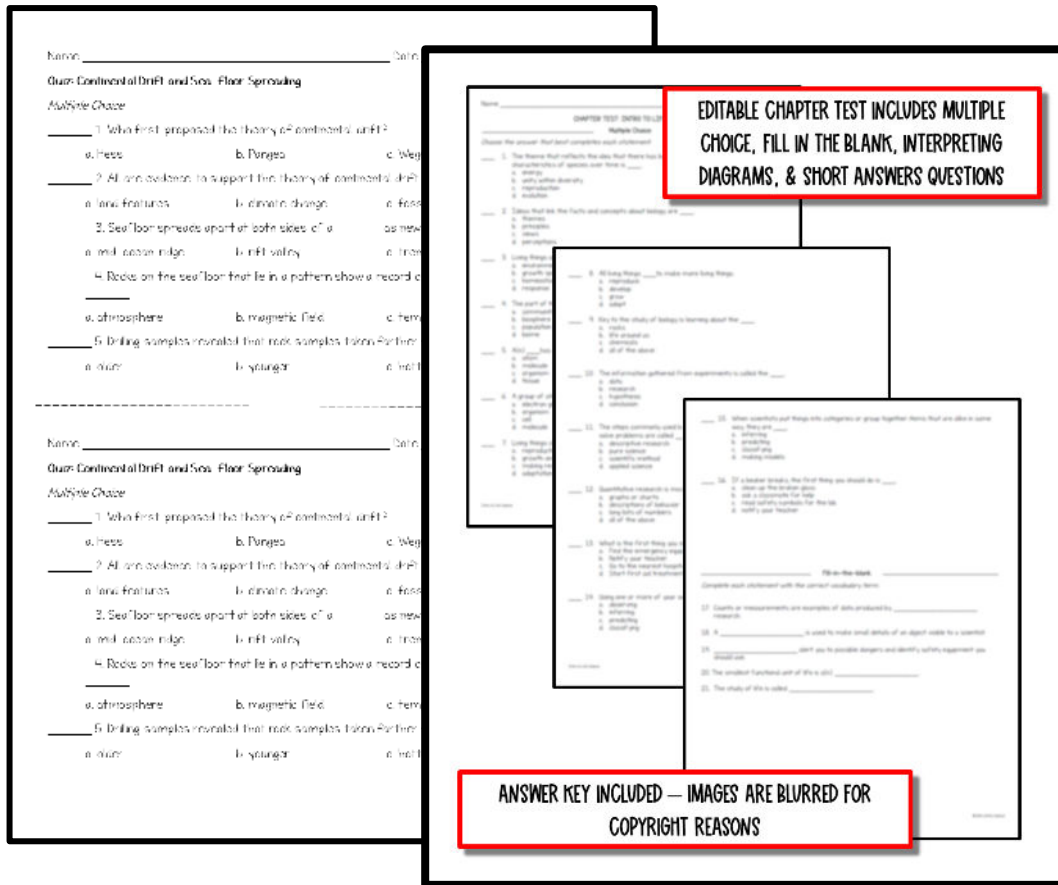
Each study guide provides a combination of strategies which may include:

- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary building
- Compare and contrast
- Problem-solving
- Concept mapping
- Interpreting data
- Critical thinking
- Theme connection
- Matching
- Fill-in-the-blank
- Short answer
- Real-world application
- QR videos with accompanying questions



## Assessments:

Teachers can use a variety of assessments to evaluate student progress throughout the unit. The curriculum provides mini-quizzes for each Interactive Notebook chapter and an online assessments that goes with the instructional videos. The chapter test includes multiple choice, short answer, interpreting diagrams, and an essay.



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