

# Eighth Grade

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Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after the substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred. 8-PS1-2

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Construct an argument supported by evidence that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society. 8-PS1-3

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Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved. 8-PS1-5

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Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms. 8-LS1-5

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**Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for the role of photosynthesis in the cycling of matter and flow of energy into and out of organisms. 8-LS1-6**

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**Develop and use a model to describe why asexual reproduction results in offspring with identical genetic information and sexual reproduction results in offspring with genetic variation. 8-LS3-2**

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**Analyze and interpret data for patterns in the fossil record that document the existence, diversity, extinction, and change of life forms**

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Apply scientific ideas to construct an explanation for the anatomical similarities and differences among modern organisms and between modern and fossil organisms to infer relationships. 8-LS4-2

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Analyze displays of pictorial data to compare patterns of similarities in the embryological development across multiple species to identify relationships not evident in the fully formed anatomy. 8-LS4-3

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Construct an explanation based on evidence that describes how genetic variations of traits in a population increase some individuals' probability of surviving and reproducing in a specific environment. 8-LS4-4

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Use mathematical representations to support explanations of how natural selection may lead to increases and decreases of specific traits in populations over time. 8-LS4-6

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Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions. 8-ESS2-5

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Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates. 8-ESS2-6

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Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment. 8-ESS3-3

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Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems. 8-ESS3-4

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Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the change in global temperatures over time. 8-ESS3-5

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**Define the criteria and constraints of a design problem with sufficient precision to ensure a successful solution, considering relevant scientific principles and potential impacts on people and the natural environment that may limit possible solutions.** 8-ETS1-1

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**Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.** 8-ETS1-4

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