

Designing Rich Argumentation Tasks Module

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Agenda

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- 1. Connection back to design criteria
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Extension Discussion: Try it with your students!

Share the argumentation task you developed to focus on evaluating the quality of evidence, as well as any student artifacts you may have.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What went well with the argumentation task? Why do you think it went well?
- 2. What was challenging with the argumentation task? Why do you think it was challenging?



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- 3. Necessitate the use of evidence
- 4. Encourage student-driven argumentation

Other things to consider:

- What argumentation elements do you want to emphasize in the lesson?
- What are the needs of your students?
- What are the opportunities in existing curriculum for having students engage in argumentation?
- What kind of evidence is available, and how can you make it accessible to students?
- How do you want students to engage in an argumentation task?
- What types of supports might your students need?



1. Video & Discussion: Using an anticipation guide



Watch the video below, which provides an introduction to the anticipation guide

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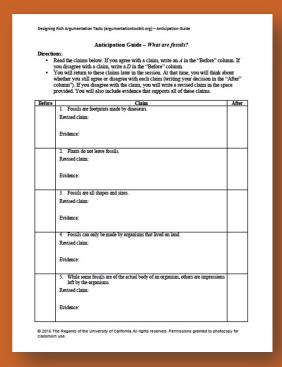
- In what ways does the anticipation guide mirror the work of scientists?
- How might an anticipation guide support deeper learning for students?



2. Activity: Anticipation guide Part 1

The Task:

- Read each of the claims in the anticipation guide and check whether or not you agree with them in the "Before" column.
- When you are done, share your current thinking with a partner. Remember, it is okay to be unsure at this point because you will be able to revise your thinking once you examine new evidence.





3. Activity: Examining new evidence

The Task:

- Work in pairs or small groups to examine the Fossil Evidence Cards, keeping in mind the claims from the anticipation guide.
- When you are done, discuss how your understanding of fossils has changed, or deepened after examining the cards.

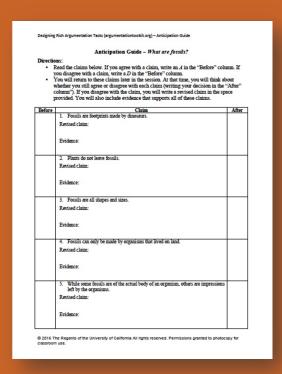




4. Activity: Anticipation guide Part 2

The Task:

- Re-read each claim, check whether or not you agree with it in the "After" column, and revise the claim (if needed) given the fossil evidence just examined.
- Make sure to add evidence in support of each claim, regardless of whether or not you revised the claim.





Discussion about the anticipation guide

- Were there any claims that you found difficult to revise? Why?
- How can you envision your students engaging in this activity? What would work well? What challenges would they have?



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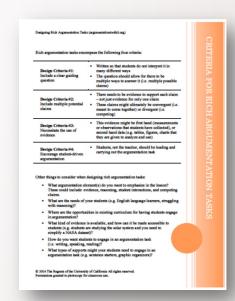
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5. Connection back to design criteria

Think-pair-share:

- In the activity you just completed, which design criteria do you think the argumentation task aligned with well?
- Which design criteria do you think the argumentation task did not align with?
- How could you redesign the argumentation task to better align?



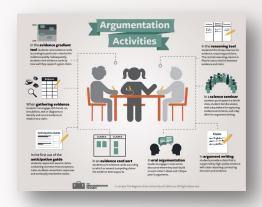


Extension: Preparation for work session

Bring a lesson with an argumentation task from existing curriculum that you would like to revise. This could be the lesson you examined for the Extension Activity of Session #1.

Before the next meeting, look through the planning tool and mark which argumentation element you would highlight for each activity.

Keep these activities in mind since you could incorporate one into the lesson you choose to revise.



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