

Deconstructing the TEKS

1. Write the TEKS & circle the verbs.

2. Identify the topic of TEKS or noun phrases

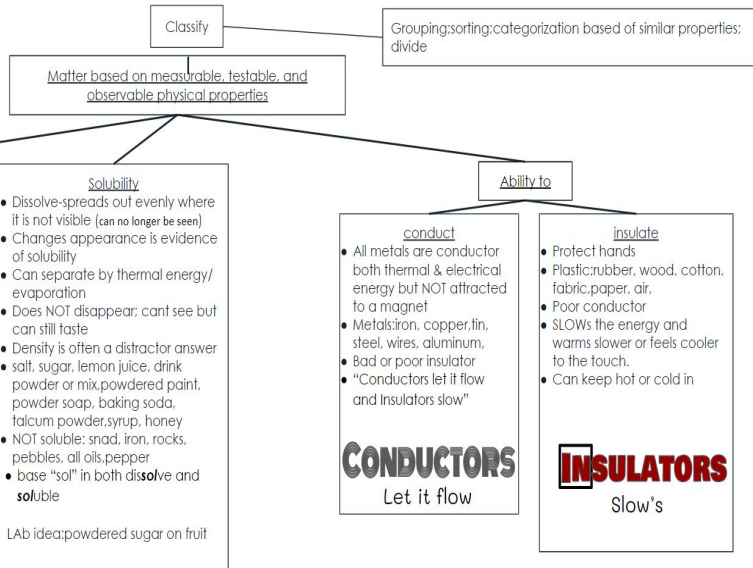
3. Break the TEKS out into the different "branches" of content

4. Synthesize information from the **TEKS clarification & vocabulary** defined from the Scope & Sequence. Add notes under each "branch" about what students need to know and any common misconceptions.

5. Analyze applicable **released STAAR questions**. Add notes under each "branch" about what students need to know and any common misconceptions.

5.5(A) **Classify** matter based on measurable, testable, and observable physical properties including mass, magnetism, physical state (solid, liquid, and gas), relative density (sinking and floating using water as a reference point), solubility in water, and the ability to conduct or insulate thermal energy or electric energy.

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TEKS Clarification

Fundamental Questions

- What is matter? What are some physical properties of matter that we can measure, test, and observe?
- How does matter behave when placed in water? What if it is stirred into water? How does matter react to a magnet?
- How is matter classified? What tools or tests can you use to measure or observe matter?

Student Instruction:

- Students need opportunities to examine and reflect on a variety of objects & different observable properties.
- Students should be instructed how to apply knowledge about materials to unknown objects. Ex: Wood is a material that is less dense, therefore if a pencil is made of mostly wood then it will likely float in water. Ex: sugar is soluble & because cotton candy is made of mostly sugar, then it is most likely soluble.
- Students need to be introduced to data tables and explicitly taught how to interpret meaning from them.
- Students need to be able to determine how physical properties can help identify the material an object is made from. Ex: more dense, conductor of electrical and thermal energy is most likely a metal.
- Students need opportunities to create titles for classified groups of objects based on their properties.
- Students need experience creating charts, tables, and lists using an object's multiple observable properties.
- Students should be familiar with synonyms such as using "float" in one part of the chart and "less dense" in another. The phrase "settles to the bottom" for more dense. The phrase "can no longer be seen" for solubility.
- Students need practice identifying an object based on multiple physical properties from a data table or list.

Student Misconceptions:

- Students should understand that relative density determines the ability of a substance to float or sink. Density of a substance is how much mass there is in a given volume. Relative density is simply that a substance or object will float or sink when it is compared to water. If the substance or object is more dense than water, it will sink. If the substance or object is less dense than water, it will float. STAAR tested objects that float: foam, wood, cardboard, plastic, oil such as vegetable or cooking, corn/ Materials that sink: rubber, metals, glass. Students often think objects are less dense because air trapped inside (cola can). This is related to buoyancy which has not shown up on STAAR. Try to use objects that do not have air trapped inside.
- Students may struggle to understand how less dense, more dense, & relative density apply to objects in water.
- A misconception is that all metals are magnetic. Common metals that are attracted to magnets: Nickel, Iron, Cobalt, Steel (not stainless steel). The mnemonic NICS helps students remember which metals are magnetic.

From Experience we know students.... don't read entire label; don't know the term physical; need practice choosing the BEST evidence; need to list all the properties of one object in a table; practice culminating properties; practices writing evidence for answers choices; need to be taught to apply knowledge of materials to other objects such as a wood cube floats so more than likely a wood pencil would float; need to use properties to identify an unknown object

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5 The table lists some physical properties of two objects.

Object 1	Object 2
Solid	Solid
Insulates thermal energy	Conducts thermal energy
Less dense than water	More dense than water
Poor electrical conductor	Good electrical conductor

Based on their properties, which of the objects is most likely a metal?

- A Object 1, because it is a solid that is less dense than water
- B Object 2, because all metals float in water
- C Object 2, because metals conduct thermal energy and electricity
- D Object 1, because it can be used to provide insulation for thermal energy

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Mass

- Grams measured to the nearest whole number
- Used as a distractor
- Same size does not mean same mass
- Lab idea: use density cubes with same color but different materials and have students use properties to determine what is is
- Use balances to order masses from least to greatest

Physical State

- Is states of matter and mean the same thing; solids, liquids, & gases
- Solid- maintain its shape
- Liquids- takes shape of container starting at the bottom; floating
- Gases- clear; free moving; spreads out everywhere; carbon dioxide; oxygen

Magnetism

- Attract by magnet to test
- NOT all metals are magnetic
- SINC or NICS are the magnetics metals steel, iron, nickel cobalt
- Nonmagnetic- ABC aluminum, brass & copper
- Repel has never been tested and not necessary to determine the property BUT if it comes up address it.



Volume

- Amount of space something takes up
- Lab idea: place something in water and discuss it increased because their more space taken up

Flexibility

bendable like wires or rubber

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Relative density in water

- Float/less dense/surface/top: wood, plastic, cork, all types of oil, cardboard, foam, soap bubble, air, feather



- Sink/more dense/settle to the bottom: metal spoon, penny, all metals, glass, rubber; syrup



- Solubility is often a distractor answer

- Lab Ideas: shaking a jar of oil & water and let it settle

Solubility

- Dissolve-spreads out evenly where it is not visible (can no longer be seen)
- Changes appearance is evidence of solubility
- Can separate by thermal energy/ evaporation
- Does NOT disappear; cant see but can still taste
- Density is often a distractor answer
- salt, sugar, lemon juice, drink powder or mix, powdered paint, powder soap, baking soda, talcum powder, syrup, honey
- NOT soluble: sand, iron, rocks, pebbles, all oils, pepper
- base "sol" in both dissolve and soluble

Lab idea: powdered sugar on fruit

Ability to

conduct

- All metals are conductor both thermal & electrical energy but NOT attracted to a magnet
- Metals: iron, copper, tin, steel, wires, aluminum,
- Bad or poor insulator
- "Conductors let it flow and Insulators slow"

CONDUCTORS

Let it flow

insulate

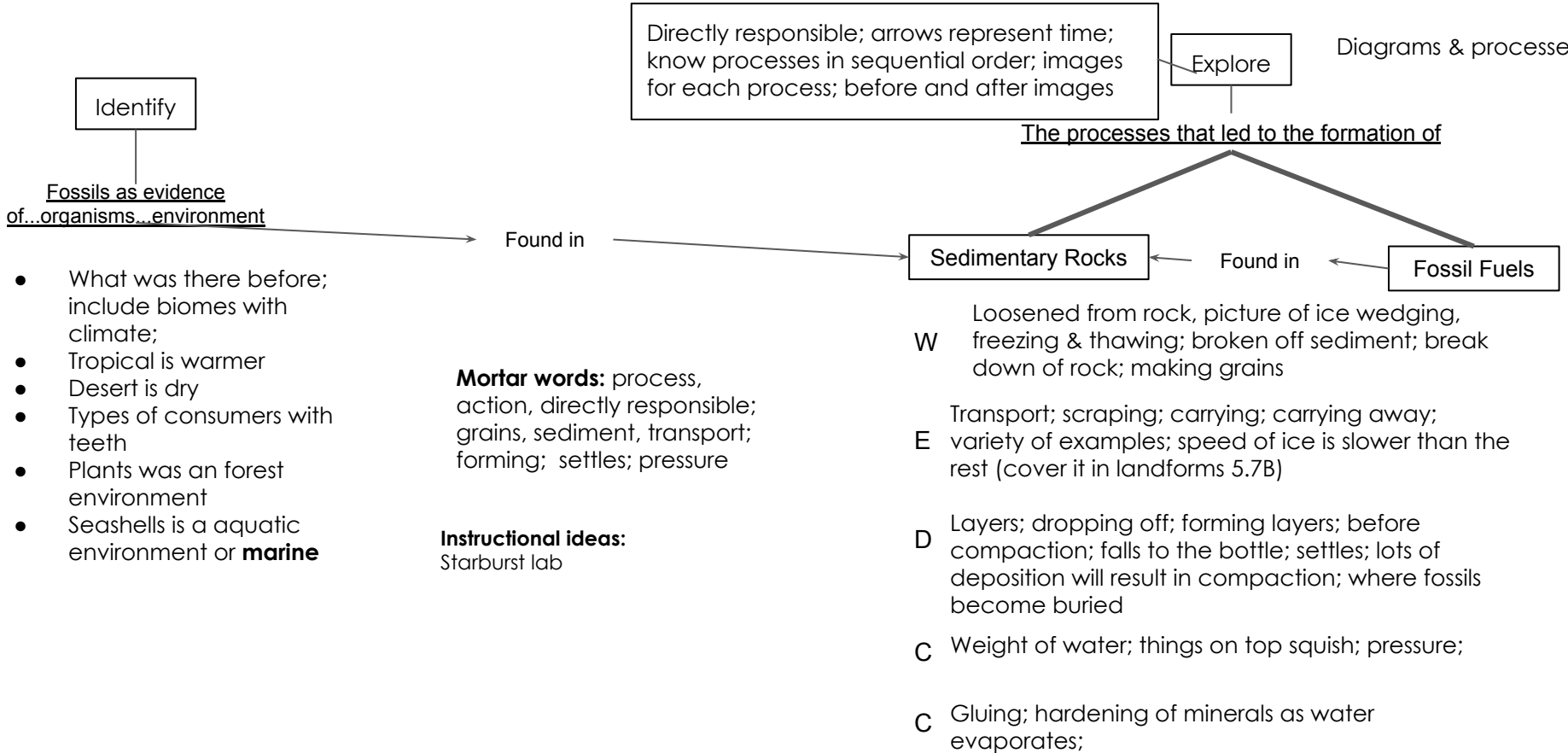
- Protect hands
- Plastic; rubber, wood, cotton, fabric, paper, air,
- Poor conductor
- SLOWs the energy and warms slower or feels cooler to the touch.
- Can keep hot or cold in

INSULATORS

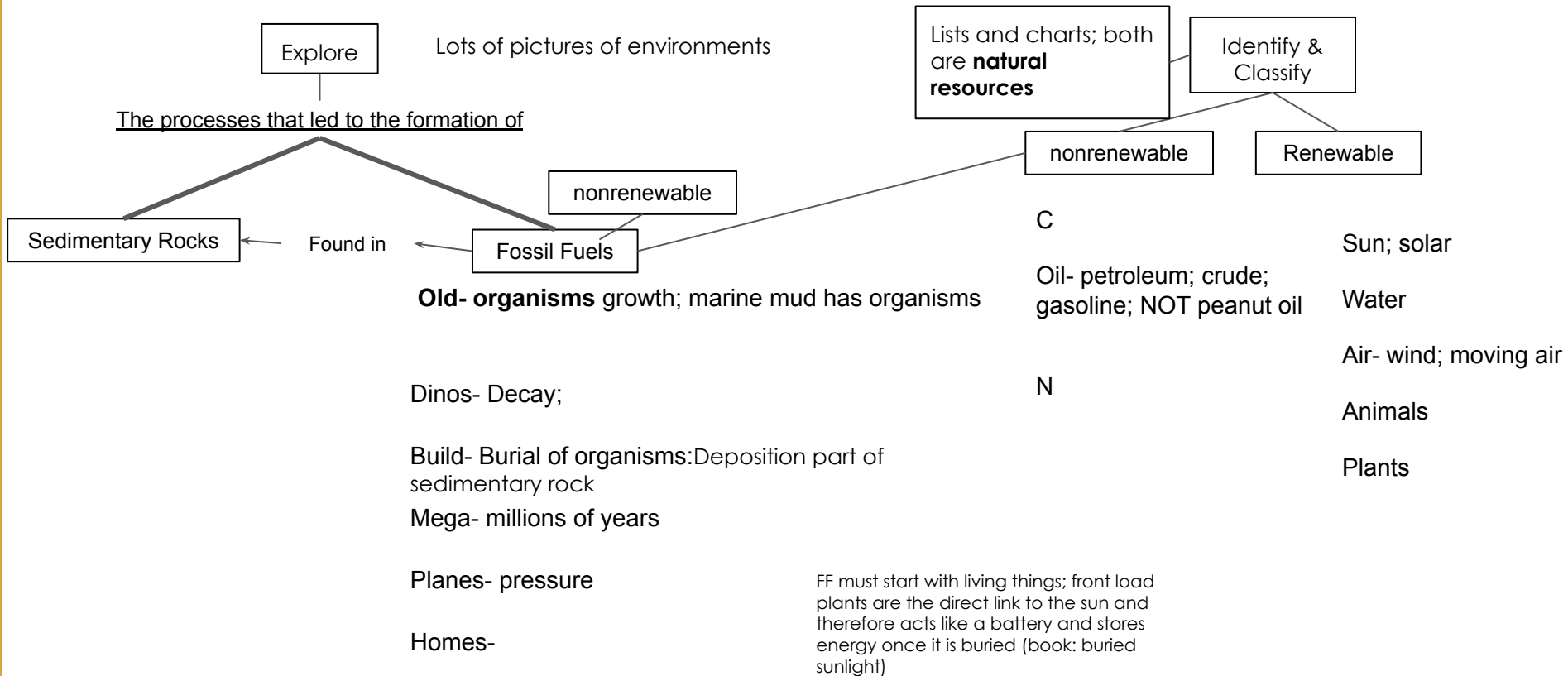
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Deconstruct 5.7A Sedimentary Rock & 5.9D Fossils as Evidence



Deconstruct 5.7A Fossil Fuel Formation & 4.7C Renewable /nonrenewable



Misconceptions: confusing gasoline with natural gas; kids see the word heat and think rock;

How the TEKS fit Together

