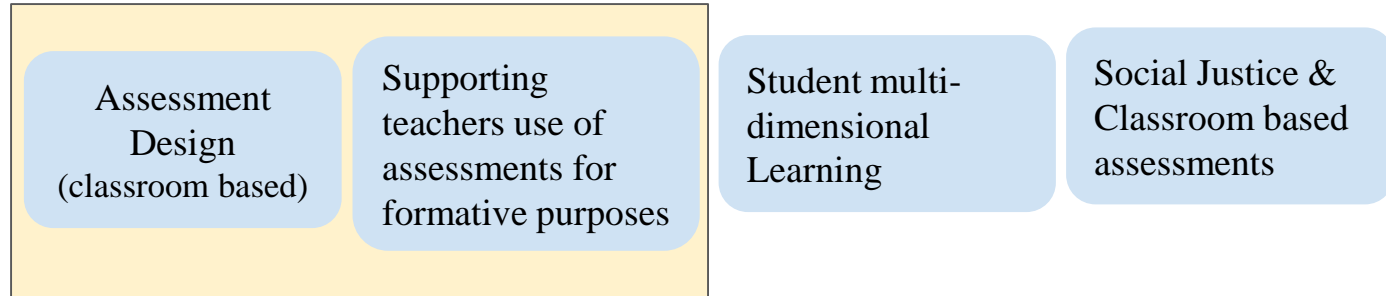
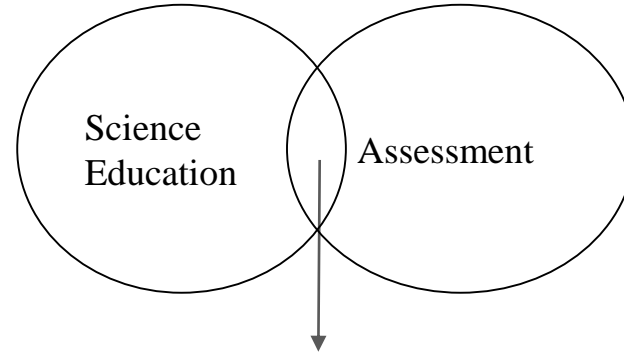


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## Research Interests



# Portraits of Teachers' Enactments of Instructionally Informative Assessment Tasks

*Examples from Middle and Primary Grade Science Classrooms with Implications for Teacher Practice & Assessment Design*



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# Wave of Reform

- Across a variety of science reform efforts, views of what it means to be literate and proficient in science are changing from the traditional view that conceptual knowledge is paramount.

In the United States, there is a vision laid out for science proficiency where there is an integration of science practices with conceptual knowledge (disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting concepts) (A Framework for K-12 Science Education, National Research Council, 2012; NGSS Lead States, 2013)

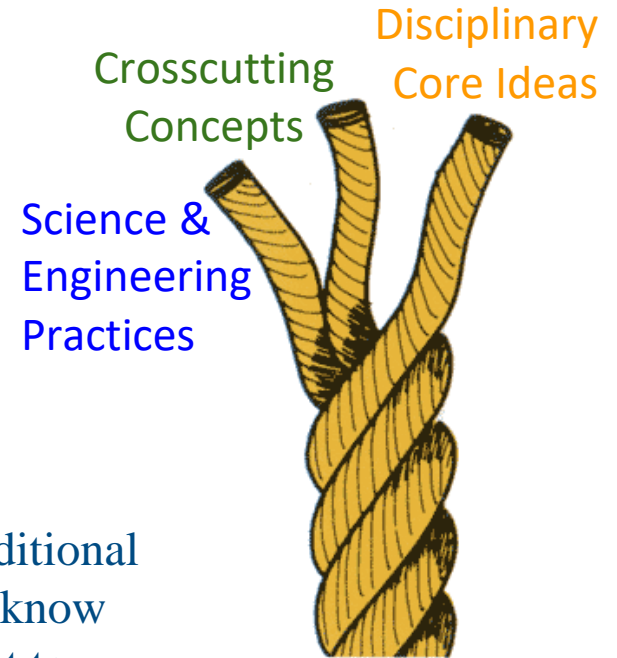


Reform efforts in the EU have advocated transforming science instruction to focus on inquiry based pedagogy.

Hong Kong's Curriculum Development Council (2015) emphasizes that STEM education should promote hands-on learning which enable students to "integrate and apply" their prior knowledge and skills from different subject disciplines to address real-life problems.

# A Framework for K-12 Science Education & the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

- Promote *3-dimensional learning*
- Explain phenomena and design solutions to solve problems
- Develop deep understanding and skills over time and across the domains.



With the new emphasis on learning that is a departure from traditional science learning, there is a need more than ever for teachers to know where students are in their 3-dimensional learning and how best to support them.

# Learning & Formative Use of Assessments

- Assessments designed to be instructionally informative can be a useful tool that provides information to teachers about where students are in their learning and help with instructional adaptations.
- Decades of research have demonstrated that formative use of assessments are a powerful catalyst for learning (e.g., Andersson & Palm, 2017; Black & Wiliam, 1998; Decristan et al., 2015; Lee et al., 2020; Popham, 2011)
- It has shown to provide support to a diverse group of students (e.g., Bishop et al., 2009; Hill et al., 2017)

# Formative Use of Assessments: Salient Characteristics

## 1. Is a process

- ‘ ... formative assessment is not a test but a process... ’ (Popham, 2008).

## 1. Is used by teachers and students during instruction

## 2. Provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning

- *Formative assessment is a process used by teachers and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students’ achievement of intended instructional outcomes (Popham, 2008).*

## 1. Recognizes and responds to student learning to enhance that learning during the learning

- “The process used by teachers and students to recognise and respond to student learning in order to enhance that learning, during the learning.” (Cowie & Bell, 1996, p.3)

## 1. Produces insight into student understanding

- *The process produces not so much a score as a qualitative insight into student understanding (Shepard, 2008).*

## 2. The results are used to adapt the teaching

- *The distinguishing characteristic is ‘ ... when the [results are] actually used to adapt the teaching to meet student needs’ (Black and Wiliam 1998b, p.140).*

# Formative Use of Assessments: Key Strategies

Formative use of assessments can be conceptualized as consisting of five key strategies (William & Thompson, 2007):

1. Clarifying and sharing learning intentions and criteria for success;
2. Engineering effective classroom discussions and other learning tasks that elicit evidence of student understanding;
3. Providing feedback that moves learners forward;
4. Activating students as instructional resources for one another; and
5. Activating students as the owners of their own learning.

# Formative Use of Assessments & Instruction

Teachers often do not feel well prepared to formatively assess (Banilower et al., 2018).

When examining the definitions and the key strategies, it is clear that the practices involved with enacting formative assessment are embedded in many research-based frameworks for quality teaching and learning.

- “eliciting and interpreting student ideas” and “coordinating and adjusting instruction during a lesson” are two high-leverage practices (e.g., Ball & Forzani, 2009; 2011)
- “eliciting student ideas” and “supporting ongoing changes in thinking” are two core practices in the Ambitious Science Teaching Framework (Windschitl et al., 2012).

**Therefore, I propose that illustrating how the practices of formatively assessing fit into teachers' larger instructional schema** can help provide all teachers with a more coherent picture of how instruction and formative use of assessments fit together.

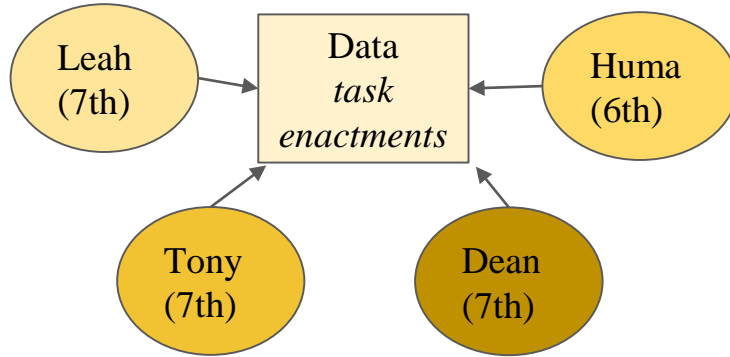
Research Question:

*How do teachers use instructionally informative assessment tasks as part of their instructional schema in order to inform their multi-dimensional instruction?*



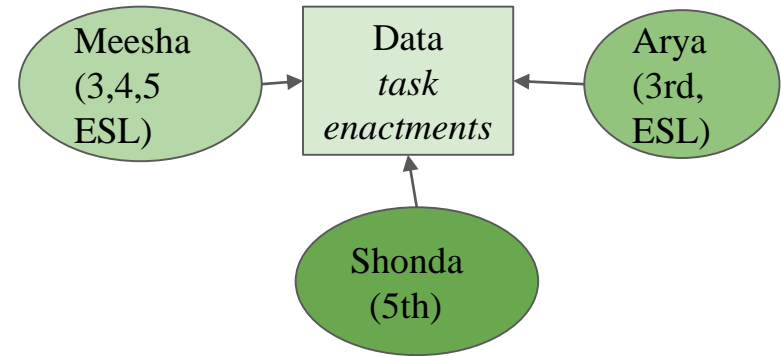
# Teachers' Use of Assessment Tasks

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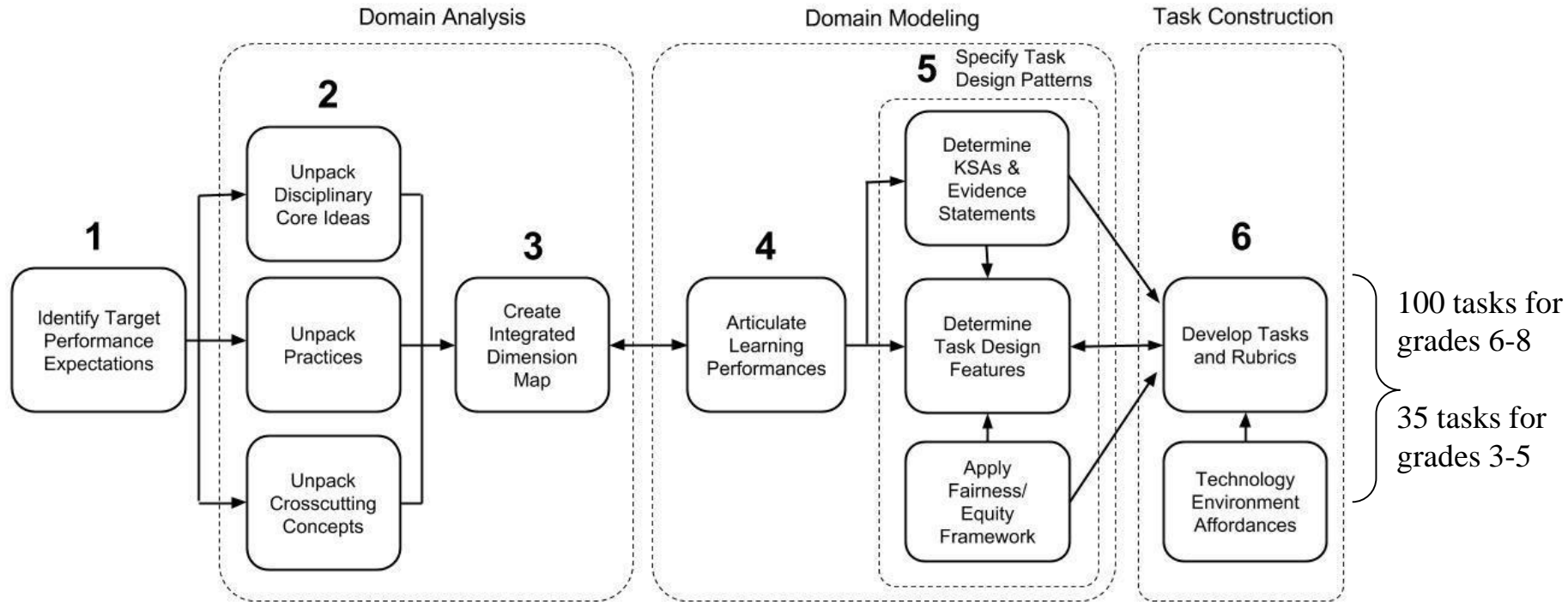
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## Primary School (Grades 3-5)



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# Designing Instructionally Informative Assessment Tasks

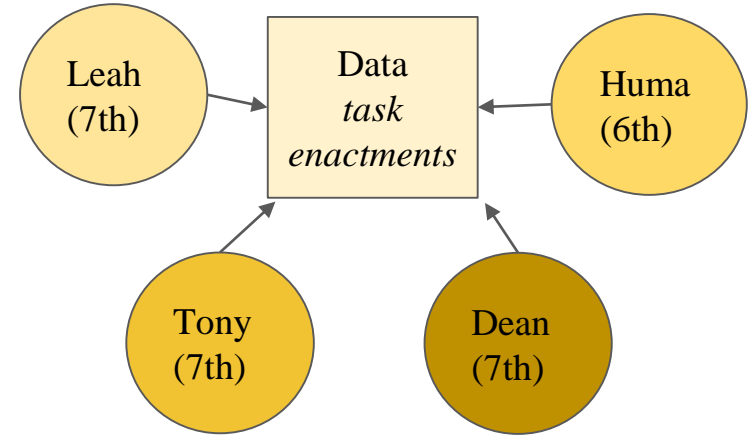


# Middle School Teachers' Task Enactments (Grades 6-8)

# Middle School Teachers

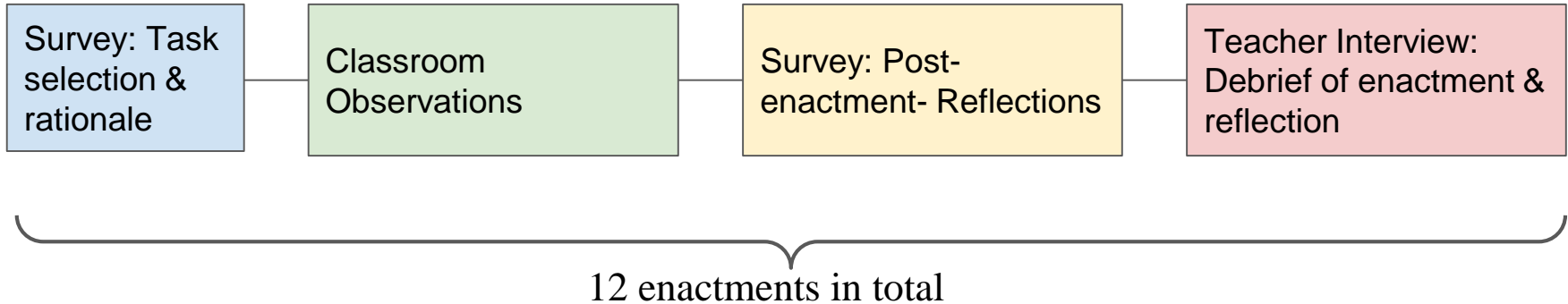
## Sample: 4 participating teachers

- Leah, Tony, and Dean taught in the same school district while Huma taught in another school district
- Had been teaching MS for over 5 years
- Had subject matter expertise in science
- Dedicated time in the school day for science
- Were using the same reform-based curriculum for at least 2 years which focuses students on using scientific practices to explore and understand observed phenomenon.
- We offered about 5 hours of professional learning covering topics such as the three-dimensional nature of NGSS, assessment as a process of reasoning from evidence, and using the assessment task portal in their classes.



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# Data Sources & Analysis



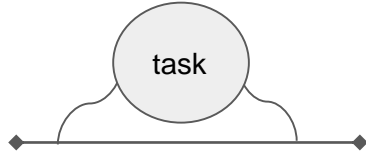
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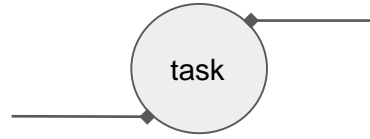
**This resulted in 3 unique portraits of task use.**

# Tasks to Inform Instruction: Portraits of Enactments



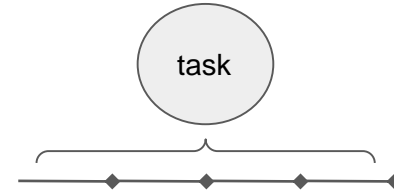
Abstraction

As a **bridge** for students to broaden the disciplinary ideas and practices introduced in immediate curricular context to new scenarios



Stepping-Stone

As a way for students to make **connections** to the disciplinary ideas and practices previously introduced in a unit, and as a **building block** for the development of subsequent disciplinary ideas and practices



Synthesis

As an opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to **integrate** numerous disciplinary core ideas and practices from multiple weeks of instruction before moving on to the next unit which builds on these same ideas.

# Abstraction

**Planning:** Huma used this task in a unit where students were learning about how different animals interact within an ecosystem to meet their survival needs.

She stated that “Sometimes students struggle with similar concepts when you change the players. I want to see if they still understand the ideas of competition when it is applied to plants instead of animals.”

## Farmer Nelson plants sunflowers (ID# 113-04-Y02)

Farmer Nelson is planting sunflowers on his farm. He wants to know how closely he can plant the sunflower plants to grow the most sunflower plants without affecting their growth. He knows that height and weight are used together to measure the growth of plants. Farmer Nelson has data on how the number of sunflower plants in the same area affects growth.



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### Question #1

Based on the data, Farmer Nelson has decided to plant a maximum of 4 sunflower plants per 10 meter<sup>2</sup> to get the most growth.

Describe whether or not Farmer Nelson should plant a maximum of 4 sunflower plants per 10 meter<sup>2</sup>. In your response include:

1. Examples from the data table to show how the number of sunflower plants per 10 meter<sup>2</sup> affects their growth (height and weight).
2. State why the number of sunflower plants planted in the same area affects their growth.

Type answer here

Table 1. Sunflower Plants Growth after 80 days of planting

Number of Sunflower plants per 10 meter <sup>2</sup>	Sunflower Plants Growth	
	Height per plant (centimeters)	Weight per plant (grams)
2	234	279.2
3	235	279.1
4	234	279.2
16	207	85.5
64	150	20.8
250	115	4.6
1000	100	2.1

Adapted from: Went, F. W. (1973). *Competition among plants. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 70(2), 585-590.



# Abstraction

**Enactment:** Huma clarified to her students that she wanted students to explain why it would or would not be a good idea to plant the sunflowers in one area.

← *Clarifying and sharing criteria for success*

- Students worked on the task individually.
- After students had completed the task, Huma noticed that many students were hesitant to share their answers so she made them do a “pair share” to get them more comfortable with sharing.
- Huma noted that the pair share provided feedback to students and many students went back to edit their response.

← *Activating students as instructional resources for one another*

← *Activating students as the owners of their own learning;  
Providing feedback that moves learners forward*

**Reflection:** Huma noticed that the students found interpreting the table difficult. For the warm-up the next day they talked about how to pull evidence out of the table because she noticed that was a struggle. Huma also recognized the need for more data analysis opportunities in her instruction.

← *Instructional Adaptation*



# Stepping Stone

**Planning:** Leah wanted to use the task as a “tool to assess current understanding of how atoms are cycled between organisms”. That would allow her “ to address any misconceptions before adding to the complexity of this topic.”

After the assessment task, the students were going to read about an important historic experiment using a plant and a mouse (Joseph Priestley). This experiment is more complex than the task, but the task was to provide students with a chance to develop understanding of key ideas around matter cycling.

## Mouse in a jar (ID #138-02-s05)

Sara saw a mouse in her mint plant pot. She captured the mouse by placing a jar over the pot and sealed the jar. Sara observed that the mouse was perfectly fine even after an hour. This surprised Sara because she knows organisms have to take in and release substances for survival. She knows mint plants are good at performing photosynthesis and wondered if the plant in the jar helped the mouse.



To investigate how the mouse survived, she did the following experiment:

1. Over 5 minutes, Sara measured the levels of oxygen ( $O_2$ ) in the sealed jar with the mouse and mint plant. She found that the oxygen ( $O_2$ ) levels in the jar's air stayed around the same the whole time.
2. She then measured the levels of oxygen ( $O_2$ ) in a sealed jar with just the mouse.
3. She saw the oxygen ( $O_2$ ) levels in the jar's air drop to a point that might be dangerous for the mouse.
4. She stopped her experiment and opened the jar.

### Question #1

Use the draw tool to show how the mouse survived when a mint plant is present even though no new oxygen ( $O_2$ ) could have entered the jar.



Based on your model, describe why the mouse survived when the mint plant is present even though no new oxygen ( $O_2$ ) could have entered the jar.

 Make drawing

# Stepping Stone

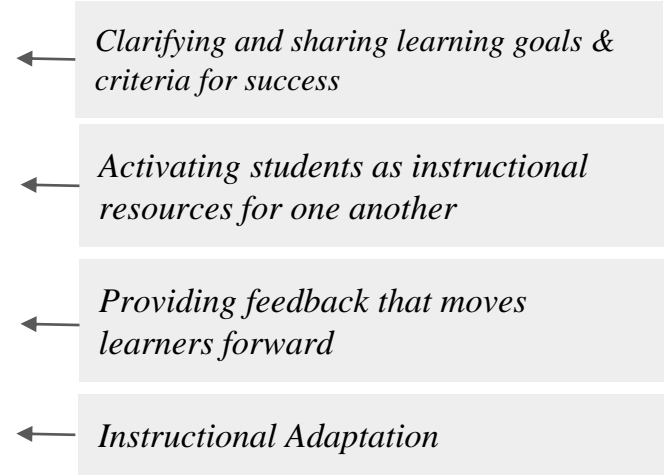
**Enactment:** Leah went over the task, learning goals and criteria for success with her class.

- Then students worked in small groups to develop their model.
- Leah checked on different groups and shared any student struggles she noticed with the whole class.

This lead Leah to introduce a whole class consensus model that was built by using information from different student groups.

**Reflection:** Leah said that she heard the students using knowledge gained from prior activities in this unit.

- She heard them engaging in scientific argumentation within their small groups. They were able to use evidence to support their claims.
- They were also helping each other with the drawing tools when trying to draw their models.
- She felt her decision to move to the whole class model helped students develop deeper understanding.



# Synthesis

**Planning:** Tony wanted to use the task as a way to synthesize what students had learned across multiple lessons in a unit about the factors that can impact an organism's population to change.

“I will use this data as a learning point on how they learn the importance of competition and are they bringing all of the important points together in the unit [on factors impacting population changes of organisms] by using the practices of data analysis and supporting claims with evidence.”

Peter observed different birds around his home such as Eastern bluebirds, tree swallows, and starlings living in trees. He decided to study their different interactions. Peter remembered in class that Eastern bluebirds and tree swallows compete for places to live (called nesting sites). In competing for these nesting sites, the tree swallows often win. The starlings do not compete for these nesting sites because starlings cannot fit inside the nesting sites of bluebirds and swallows.



Eastern bluebirds

Tree swallows

Starlings

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Every day for 5 months, Peter observed and counted the Eastern bluebirds, tree swallows, and starlings in nesting sites around his house. Using this data he created a graph.

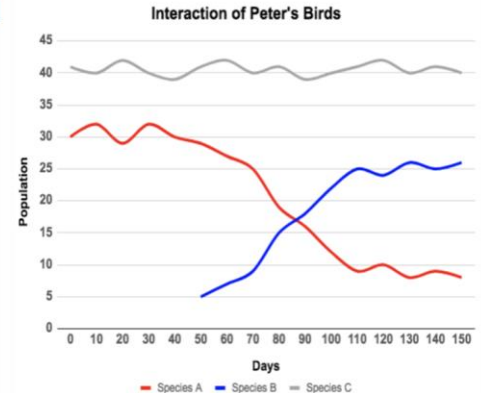
### Question #1

Using the graph and what you know about nesting interactions of these birds, identify which species (A, B, C) on the graph represents Eastern bluebirds, tree swallows, and starlings.

Support your response by including:

- Examples from the graph for all three birds' population at different points.
- Reasoning on why the nesting interactions between the birds affects their population.

Type answer here



# Synthesis

**Enactment:** Students read the task out aloud and Tony went over how to read the graph and the legend. He emphasized multiple times on how to use evidence to support the claim and that students were to think about the factors that impact population changes.

- Students then worked in small groups to discuss the task before they responded to the task individually.
- Tony asked multiple students to do a share out of their responses and used the responses to reinforce key ideas and how evidence was being drawn to support the claim.

**Reflection :** Tony felt that he was able to gauge that students were able to get at how competition was playing a role in population changes.

- Most students had been able to get at the correct answer and were able to use the data appropriately to support the claim.

← *Clarifying and sharing learning goals & criteria for success*

← *Activating students as instructional resources for one another*

← *Activating students as the owners of their own learning;*

← *Providing feedback that moves learners forward*

← *Instructional Adaptation not required*

# Primary Grade Teachers' Task Enactments (Grades 3-5)

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- The teachers were collaborating with us over 4 years on task design and task use, where we provided them professional development on the NGSS, 3-dimensional learning, assessment as a process of reasoning from evidence.
- From our ongoing work with these teachers we learned that these teachers used the *tasks as instruction*.
  - They use it to help provide students opportunity to learn and engage in 3-dimensional learning given they do not have prescribed reform-based curriculum materials.
  - When using our designed tasks in classrooms, we learned that teachers were designing tasks similar to the ones they wanted to assess student learning on so that they could provide students the opportunity to learn being before the assessment.
  - To support these enactments we designed a paired task approach, where the first task could help teachers provide students the opportunity to engage in the learning while they could use the second task to assess student learning.
- In this talk, **I will focus on** the first task, **the task used by teachers as instruction**, since it provided unique enactments for formative use of assessments.

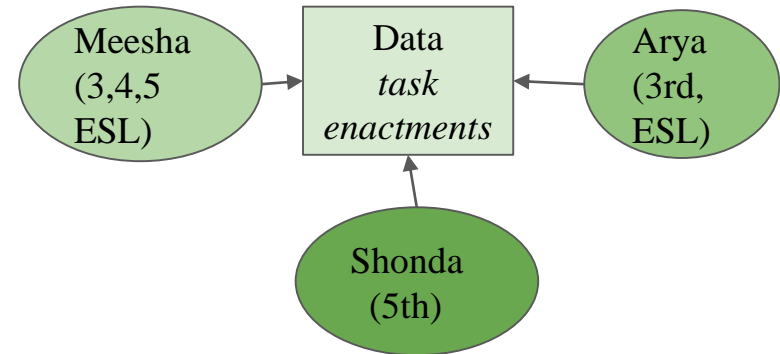
# Elementary Grade Teachers

## Sample: 3 Participating Teachers

- Meesha, Arya and Shonda were from the same school district
- Had been primary school teachers for over 5 years
- 2 of the three teachers exclusively worked with students who had English as a Second Language (ESL)

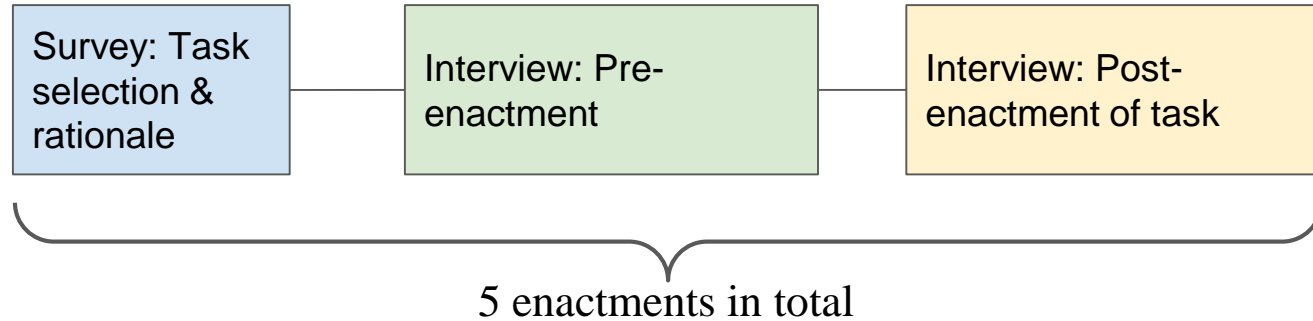
## In contrast to Middle School Teachers

- Were generalist where they taught Math, English Language Arts, Social Studies and Science
- Did not have subject matter expertise in science
- Often did not have reserved time in the school day for science (sometimes as little as 15 minutes)
- Teachers were aiming towards the NGSS but did not have prescribed curricular materials.
- Had collaborated with us for over 4 years with 60 hours of professional development.



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# Data Sources & Preliminary Analysis



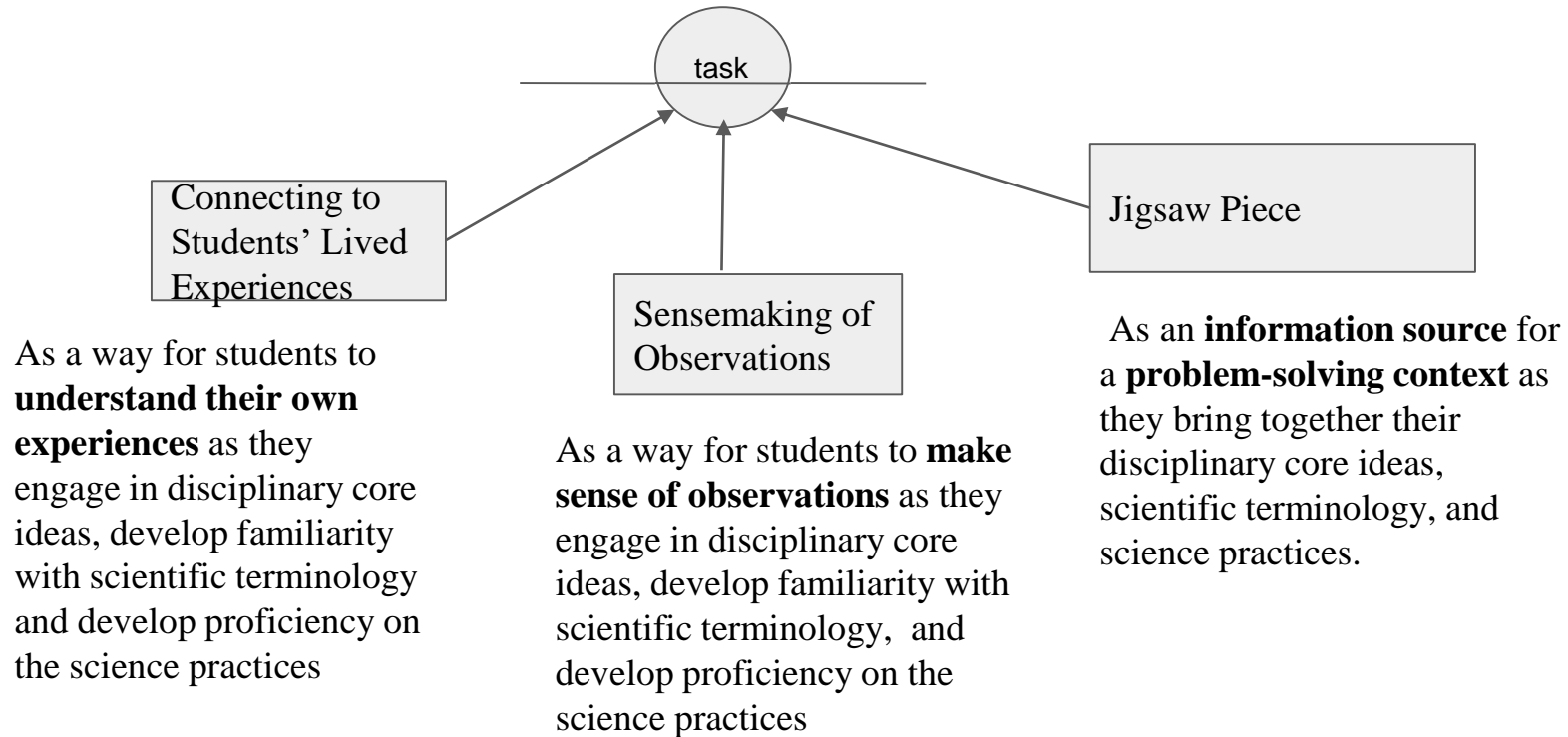
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# Tasks *as* Instruction: Portraits of Enactments



# Connecting to Students' Lived Experiences

**Planning:** Meesha wanted to use the task as a way for her 5th grade students to apply the disciplinary ideas of conservation of mass and engage in data analysis while making a connection to students' classroom experience of growing tomato plants.

**Enactment:** The students worked in small groups while working on the task.

- She read out loud the task as well as pre-recorded her reading the task as well as the questions to provide text-to-speech capabilities for her students.
- Meesha also drew a graph for plant growth to scaffold students thinking about trends in plant weight. This was to help “students in determining a trend and therefore a pattern in the data.”

**Reflection:** Meesha noticed that students did not struggle with water providing the matter for plant growth.

- But they did struggle with what it meant to “look at patterns” and using data to support that water was related to plant growth.
- This is where Meesha spent most of the instruction time, including scaffolds such as graphing the data.

**Vegetable Garden**

Olly and Kaya are growing that they grew from a seed gets enough sunlight. Late outside.

Olly and Kaya are curious about how much their plants will grow indoors. They know that new leaves and roots appear when a plant grows, and that means the plant weighs more.









**On Monday (Day 1):**  
Olly and Kaya both use the

**During the week:**  
Olly waters his tomato plant

**Next Monday (Day 8):**  
They remove the plants to weigh the soil and their plants

*Activating students as the owners of their own learning*

*Activating students as instructional resources for one another*

Data Table		
	Monday (Day 1)	Next Monday (Day 8)
<b>Olly's Data</b>	 Soil weight: 55 grams 	 Soil weight: 55 grams 
<b>Kaya's Data</b>	 Soil weight: 55 grams 	 Soil weight: 55 grams 

**Question #1**

Use data from the table to describe what you notice about **Olly's plant growth**. Use numbers in your description.

I notice that ...

**Question #2**

Use data from the table to describe what you notice about **Kaya's plant growth**. Use numbers in your description.

I notice that ...

**Question #3**

Look at the patterns in how much the plants weighed. What similarity or difference do you observe?

The weights of Olly's and Kaya's plants ...

**Question #4**

What similarity or difference do you observe?

The weight of the soil ...

Monday, Olly and Kaya have a lesson. They learn that all matter has from somewhere. They wonder, *did our tomato plants get the matter* ...

**Question #5**

Remember that both plants had soil. Based on the data in the table, did the soil provide matter that the plant used to grow? Explain why or why not.

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**Question #6**

Remember that Olly's plant was watered but Kaya's was not watered. Based on the data in the table, did the water provide matter that the plant used to grow? Explain why or why not.

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*Instructional Adaptation*

# Sensemaking of Observations

**Planning:** Arya used the task as a way for students to bring ideas they had learned about life cycles, their ability to do comparisons in data and generalize, a practice they were still learning. Arya had students to engage in sense-making around a real world phenomena of a bird’s nest in her house. She also mentioned how the spring-summer season allows for students to a lot of observations around plant’s life cycles (e.g., plant growth) which they could bring to this task.

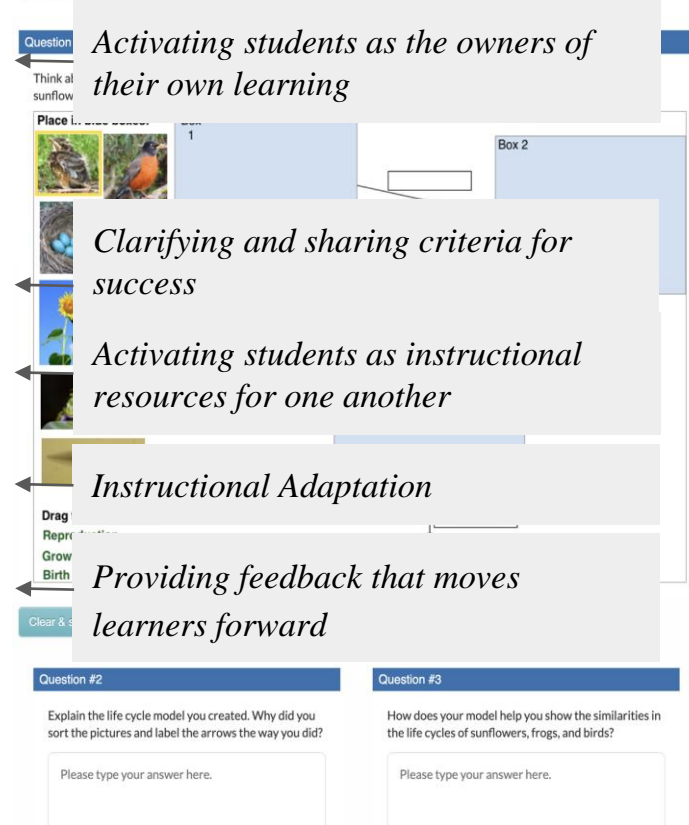
**Enactment:** Arya used the task as a guided activity as a whole group where she reviewed information about life cycles and helped students understand what the prompts were asking them to do.

- This was followed by small group discussion that was connected to the bird’s nest.
- Arya also noticed that most students stopped at understanding that the birds just fly away in the end. Few students talked about the new birds starting their own lifecycle
- Arya provided sentence starters to help students with responding to the task.
- Scientific terminology such as “reproduction” was a challenge for students. Arya went over terminology and use of scientific terminology in oral and written discussions was applauded.

**Reflection:** The verbal responses were much more rich than written responses. Written responses were not the most accurate representation of student learning.

## Sunflowers, Frogs, and Birds: Create a Model (ID# 190-01-3-L01)

Kayla's science club has been studying different plants and animals. They have used pictures of sunflower plants, frogs, and birds to see what each looks like during their lives. Kayla is starting to think that the life cycles of different organisms may actually be very similar. She decides to use these pictures of different stages of the life cycles of a sunflower plant, a frog, and a bird.



The screenshot shows a digital learning interface with several components:

- Question #1:** "Think about sunflowers, frogs, and birds. How are their life cycles similar?"
- Place Labels:** A workspace with a grid and a "Box 2" label. It contains images of a bird's nest, a sunflower, and a frog.
- Drag and Drop:** A list of labels: "Reproduction", "Growth", "Birth", "Death".
- Clear & Start Over:** A button at the bottom left.
- Question #2:** "Explain the life cycle model you created. Why did you sort the pictures and label the arrows the way you did?"
- Question #3:** "How does your model help you show the similarities in the life cycles of sunflowers, frogs, and birds?"

Annotations on the right side of the screenshot include:

- Activating students as the owners of their own learning* (pointing to the question area)
- Clarifying and sharing criteria for success* (pointing to the image area)
- Activating students as instructional resources for one another* (pointing to the image area)
- Instructional Adaptation* (pointing to the label list)
- Providing feedback that moves learners forward* (pointing to the question area)

# Jigsaw Piece

**Planning:** Shonda was doing a project on deciding upon a place to drill a well. She used this task as an information source for students correlate the relationships between the amount of freshwater available and ease of access

**Enactment:** Shonda had students look up the the geography of the LA region and discussed different ways of getting water.

- They discussed the connection to the larger project and spoke about what would the water sources be if they had to drill a well in LA.
- Students worked in small groups as they engaged in completing the pie chart and responding to the questions.

**Reflection:** Shonda noticed that students were able to use scientific terminology such as ground water, run off, water cycle, aquifers, that had been introduced in prior instruction.

- Shonda, felt that the task went well and that the students were engaged because it helped them with figuring out part of the larger problem-solving challenge.

## Maya moves from Chicago to Los Angeles (ID# 258-02-5-E02)

Maya's family is moving from Chicago, a city dependent on surface water (Lake Michigan) for most of its freshwater supply. They are moving to Los Angeles, a city dependent on groundwater for most of its freshwater supply.

Maya's aunt Rita lives in Los Angeles. She told Maya that Los Angeles has been under drought conditions for many years and has laws in place to require people to conserve freshwater.

Maya knows that conserving freshwater is important in every city, but wants to understand why residents in Los Angeles have access to less freshwater compared to residents in Chicago.

The table below describes the three types of freshwater sources across the Earth.

Ground Water	Surface Water	Glaciers and Permafrost
Source: Water stored in soil and between rock formations below the Earth's surface.	Source: Water found mainly in lakes and rivers.	Source: Thick ice layers and frozen ground in high altitude areas.
Form: Liquid (as soil moisture and as deep underground aquifers) and ice (as frozen ground)	Form: Liquid (as water above ground)	Form: Ice (as polar ice sheets and snow on mountains)

### Question #1

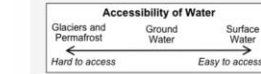
Use what you have previously learned about the difference in volume of these freshwater sources to help Maya make a chart to show these differences. To help Maya make a chart label the chart appropriately with tones of water according to their volume.

*Clarifying and sharing learning intentions & criteria for success*

*Activating students as instructional resources for one another*

Clear & start over

Maya showed her chart to Rita. Rita suggested that to understand the water problem in Los Angeles, only knowing the volume of freshwater sources is not enough. She suggests they also consider how hard or easy it is to access the water.



### Question #2

Describe the relationship you observe between the volume of water and how easy or difficult it is to access that water for at least two sources of freshwater.

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### Question #3

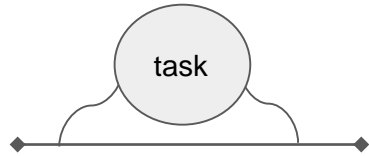
Use the relationship you identified to help Maya describe why residents in Los Angeles have access to less freshwater compared to residents in Chicago.

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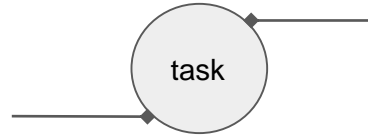
# Discussion & Implications

# Differences in the Portraits of Enactments

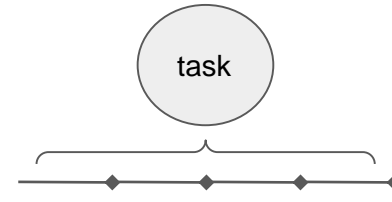
## Tasks to Inform Instruction



Abstraction

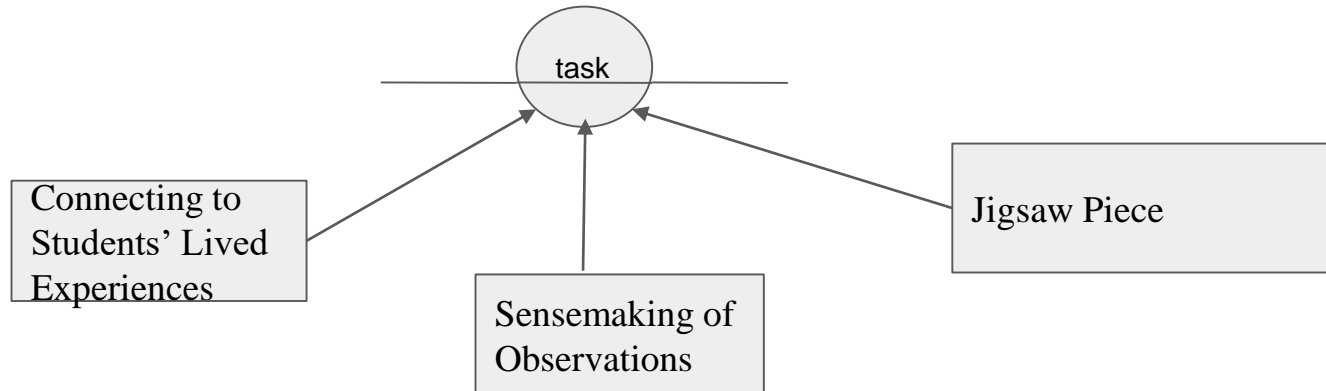


Stepping-Stone



Synthesis

## Tasks *as* Instruction



# Discussion

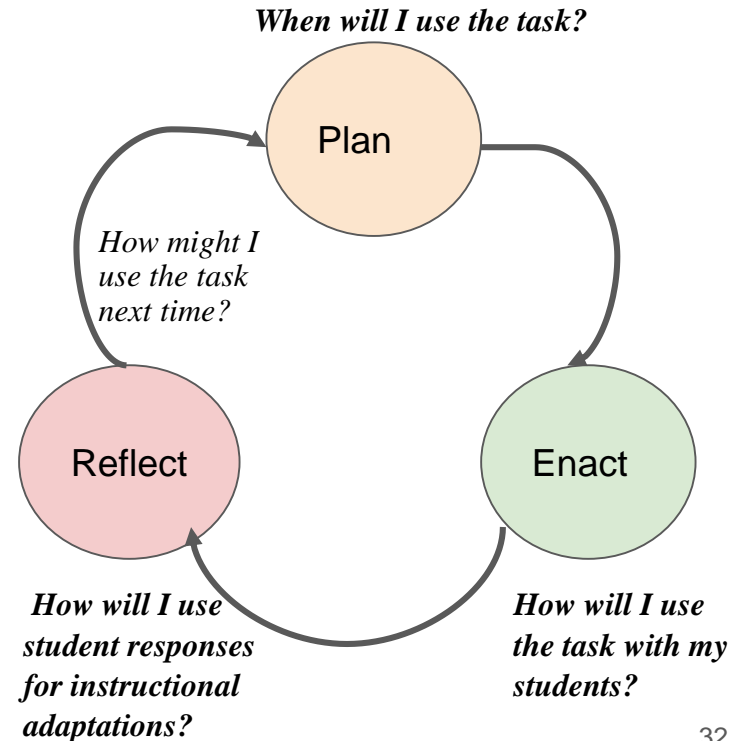
I had proposed that illustrating how the practices of formatively assessing fit into teachers' larger instructional schema can help provide all teachers with a more coherent picture of how instruction and formative use of assessments fit together.

Research Question: *How do teachers use instructionally informative assessment tasks as part of their instructional schema in order to inform their multi-dimensional instruction?*

- Use is based on where students are in their learning and the purpose the task can serve to advance learning and teaching
- Determine what the task measures and what supports or opportunities students have had/will need in order to engage with the task
- Task enactments leveraged teachers instructional practices, including active role of students in learning.
- While all portraits did not use all key strategies (e.g., in many enactments teachers did not clarify learning goals for students) these portraits can be a good starting point for teachers to see how instruction and formative use of the task fit together.

# Implications: Supporting Teacher Practice

- We can challenge the perception of formative use of assessments as an “add-on” activity by providing supports for teachers on how to fit assessments into instruction
  - Highlight how the information from assessments can be used to inform instruction
  - Highlight how instructional practices can be leveraged for formative use of assessments
  
- Can use the idea of Instructional Cycles (Zemba-Saul, Blumenfeld, Krajcik, 2000) to support teacher practice
  - Through resources and/or through professional learning





# Design Implications for Instructionally Informative Tasks

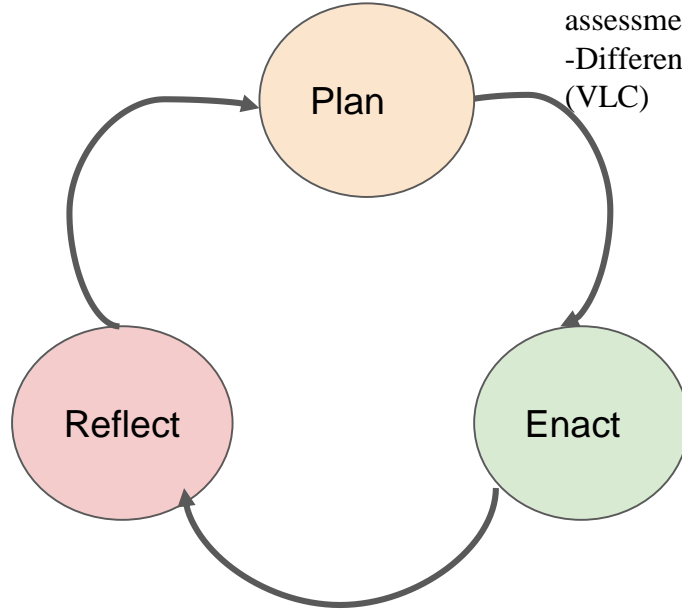
## **Implications for task design that can facilitate use of tasks in instructionally informative ways**

1. Scenario is engaging and relevant to students lives
2. Scenario uses real world contexts, published data, historical experiments
3. Task provides students opportunities to engage in science and engineering practices
4. Task provides exposure to academic and scientific terminology (with adequate scaffolding provided)
5. Prompts promote students' sensemaking
6. Prompts enable responses in multiple modalities

## Other Considerations:

1. Need for multiple tasks measuring the same construct to help teachers use tasks in different ways or at different time points
2. Educative tools for teachers to help them understand what the task is measuring so that they can establish connections between task and instruction
3. Resources, such as rubrics to facilitate gauging student learning during enactments

# Ongoing Resources Development



- Educative Tool for teachers to understand the NGSS and what the task is measuring
- Videos on linking existing teacher practices to formative use of assessments
- Different ways of using tasks on the Virtual Learning Community (VLC)



Discussion boards



Participate in discussions

Rubrics that facilitate gauging student learning during enactments

Integrated Proficiency 1		Integrated Proficiency 1			
Part 1: Evaluation of Student Response		Part 2: Determination of Proficiency			
These criteria are measuring the ability to: develop a model showing evolution in life cycles of different plants and animals that include the key elements based on patterns that they see. (Integrated Proficiency 1)		Level:	Beginning	Developing	Proficient
Criteria	Yes	No	0	1	2
1. Patterns of organisms at similar life cycle stages in each of the three boxes [from Question 1] Example: • Box 1: sunflower seeds, frog eggs, white egg. • Box 2: sunflower sprout, tadpole, robin chick. • Box 3: flowering sunflower, adult frog, adult robin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Has successfully described one of the two key elements of the model: model components (i.e., sorting patterns) or relationships between components (i.e., labeling arrows)	Has successfully described model components (i.e., sorting patterns) AND relationships between components (i.e. labeling arrows) to show how different organisms have similar life cycles.
2. Labels for life cycle stages on each of the three arrows [from Question 1] Example: • Arrow A: Birth • Arrow B: Growth • Arrow C: Reproduction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Needs support in developing a model that includes model components and relationships between components to show how different organisms have similar life cycles.	Needs support in including all key elements of the model such as: model components (i.e., sorting patterns) or relationships between components (i.e., labeling arrows) to show how different organisms have similar life cycles.

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# Selected Presentations & Publications

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## Upcoming Presentations & Publications

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