

## Working through Difficult Concepts in the Explore Science: Earth & Space Toolkit Lindsay Bartolone, M.S. & Brian Kruse

## Online Workshop Follow-Up 4/18/2017

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• Recording of the online workshop

https://vimeo.com/213740466

- Important links shared during the online workshop
  - 1. National Research Council. (1997). Science teaching reconsidered: A handbook. National Academies Press.

https://www.nap.edu/catalog/5287/science-teaching-reconsidered-a-handbook

- Sadler, P. M., & Sonnert, G. (2016). Understanding Misconceptions: Teaching and Learning in Middle School Physical Science. *American Educator*, 40(1), 26-32. http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1094278.pdf
- The Diagnoser Project Tools
   http://www.diagnoser.com
   http://www.facetinnovations.com/daisy-public-website/fihome/resources/diagnoser.html
- 4. Tips for Leading Hands-on Activities from the Earth and Space Science Kit <a href="http://www.nisenet.org/sites/default/files/catalog/uploads/ExSci\_Space\_TipsforLeadingHands-onActivities.pdf">http://www.nisenet.org/sites/default/files/catalog/uploads/ExSci\_Space\_TipsforLeadingHands-onActivities.pdf</a>
- Understanding Student Ideas in Astronomy, 45 Formative Assessment Probes https://www.nsta.org/store/product\_detail.aspx?id=10.2505/9781936137381
- 6. Beyond Misconceptions, STEM Teaching Tool#37
  <a href="http://stemteachingtools.org/assets/landscapes/STEM-Teaching-Tool-37-Beyond-Misconceptions.pdf">http://stemteachingtools.org/assets/landscapes/STEM-Teaching-Tool-37-Beyond-Misconceptions.pdf</a>
- Private Universe Project https://www.learner.org/workshops/privuniv/
- 8. Beyond the Solar System Professional Development DVD video playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfhHnX59VA 4QTn1E7-TgEZ4blCetW5F9

- 9. Sadler, P. A Tool for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Educational Programs in Astronomy: The Astronomy and Space Science Concept Inventory. Astronomical Society of the Pacific 118th Annual Meeting: Engaging the EPO Community, Baltimore, MD, 9/30/06 <a href="https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/seuforum/download/SadlerASSCI\_ASP06.pdf">https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/seuforum/download/SadlerASSCI\_ASP06.pdf</a>
- 10. Exploring the Solar System: Pocket Solar System activity page, includes written materials, training & content videos: http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/exploring-solar-system-pocket-solar-system
- 11. **Exploring the Universe: Orbiting Objects** activity page, includes written materials, training & content videos: <a href="http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/exploring-universe-orbiting-objects">http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/exploring-universe-orbiting-objects</a>

## **Strategies for Addressing Difficult Concepts**

- Ask questions and listen to learners' explanations
- Anticipate the most common misconceptions and be alert for others
- Identify learners' misconceptions.
  - (Categorize as necessary)
- Provide a forum for learners to confront their misconceptions, or build on their facet of thinking.
- Encourage learners to **test** their conceptual frameworks in discussion with others and by thinking about evidence and possible tests
  - Yes and.. (but not no!)
- Help students reconstruct and internalize their knowledge, based on scientific models.
  - Ask
    Confront or Build
    Anticipate
    Test
    Identify
    Internalize scientific model

Upcoming Online Workshops: <a href="http://www.nisenet.org/events/online-workshop">http://www.nisenet.org/events/online-workshop</a>



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