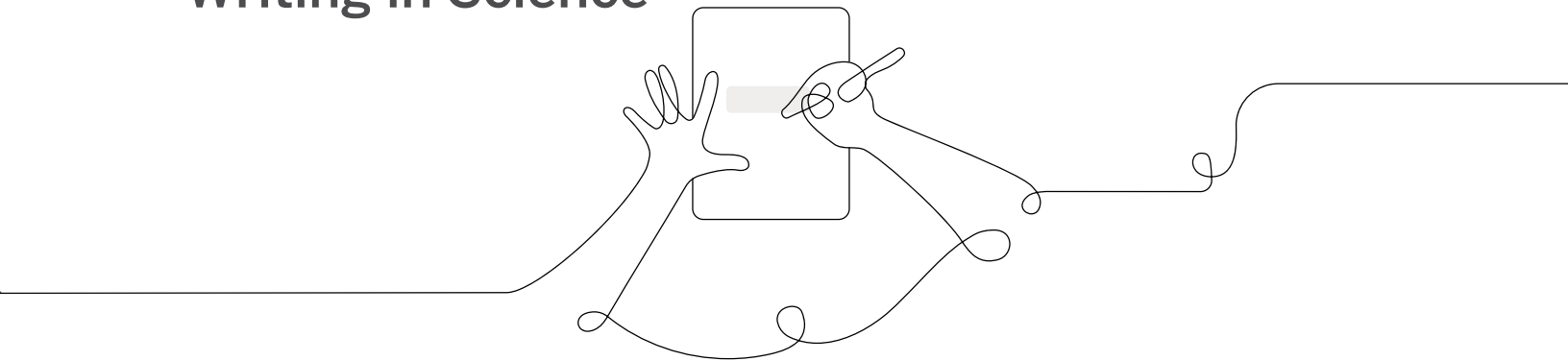


# Participant Notebook

Grades K-5

Writing in Science



# Writing in Science

## Grades K-5

### Agenda

#### Introduction and framing

#### Writing in Amplify Science

- Writing as part of a multimodal experience
- Writing a culminating argument

#### Supporting students with writing

#### Closing

#### Demo account for your workshop:

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URL: **learning.amplify.com** (Log in with Amplify)

Temporary account: \_\_\_\_\_ @pd.tryamplify.net

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

# Three dimensions of NGSS reference

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3-D learning engages students in using scientific and engineering practices and applying crosscutting concepts as tools to develop understanding of and solve challenging problems related to disciplinary core ideas.

## Science and Engineering Practices

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| 1. Asking Questions and Defining Problems   | 5. Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking         |
| 2. Developing and Using Models              | 6. Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions    |
| 3. Planning and Carrying Out Investigations | 7. Engaging in Argument from Evidence                   |
| 4. Analyzing and Interpreting Data          | 8. Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information |

## Disciplinary Core Ideas

### Earth and Space Sciences:

ESS1: Earth's Place in the Universe  
ESS2: Earth's Systems  
ESS3: Earth and Human Activity

### Life Sciences:

LS1: From Molecules to Organisms  
LS2: Ecosystems  
LS3: Heredity  
LS4: Biological Evolution

### Physical Sciences:

PS1: Matter and its Interactions  
PS2: Motion and Stability  
PS3: Energy  
PS4: Waves and their Applications

### Engineering, Technology and the Applications of Science:

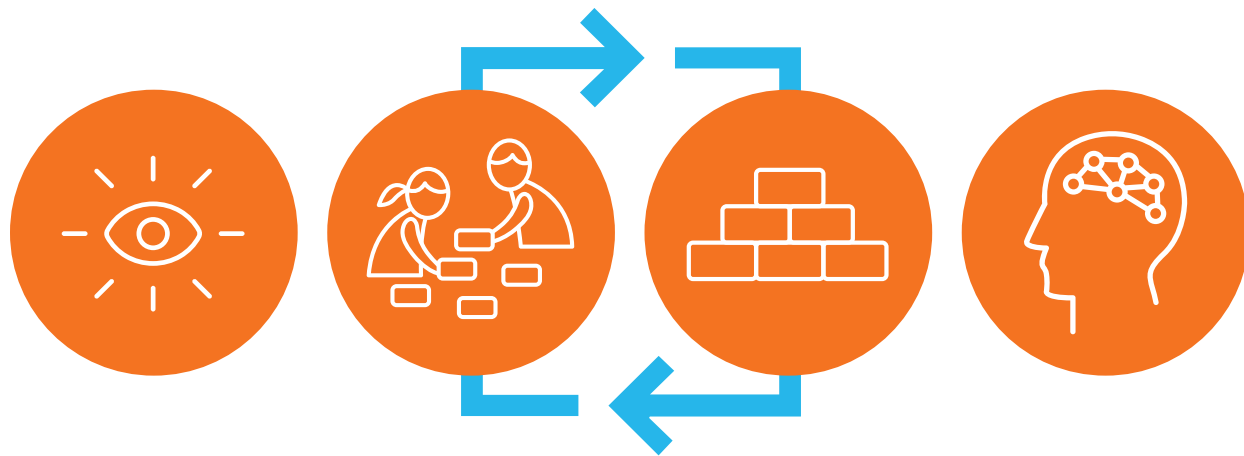
ETS1: Engineering Design  
ETS2: Links among Engineering Technology, Science and Society

## Crosscutting Concepts

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| 1. Patterns                        | 5. Energy and Matter      |
| 2. Cause and Effect                | 6. Structure and Function |
| 3. Scale, Proportion, and Quantity | 7. Stability and Change   |
| 4. Systems and System Models       |                           |

# Amplify Science approach

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Introduce a **phenomenon**  
and a related problem

Collect **evidence** from  
multiple sources

Build increasingly  
complex **explanations**

**Apply** knowledge to a  
different context

# Writing in science: Note catcher and reference sheet

**Table 1: Writing as part of the multimodal experience**

<b>Reference: Why do students write in Amplify Science?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To activate background knowledge</li> <li>• To reflect on understanding</li> <li>• To engage in sense-making</li> <li>• To record data / observations</li> <li>• To organize ideas</li> <li>• To communicate ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ To explain</li> <li>◦ To persuade</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Sample instructional sequence:</b> Use the space below to make notes about the role of each small write as we talk through the sequence	
<b>Small write 1:</b>	
<b>Small write 2:</b>	
<b>Small write 3:</b>	
<b>End-of-sequence reflection:</b> How did the small writes support students as they worked towards writing the more formal end-of-chapter explanation?	
<b>Reference: Embedded supports for writing in Amplify Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller pieces of writing build to larger pieces of writing</li> <li>• Informal talk opportunities: partners and small groups</li> <li>• Sentence starters and/or language frames</li> <li>• Classroom wall and other environmental print</li> <li>• Word banks</li> <li>• Discourse routines</li> <li>• Multimodal instruction</li> <li>• Gradual release of responsibility</li> </ul>	

**Table 2: Work time: Analyze the purpose of a small write in your unit**

Choose a writing activity your students recently completed, or one that’s upcoming. Review the activity and answer the prompts below. If you have extra time, choose a second small write to analyze.	
<b>Lesson and activity</b>	
What’s the <b>purpose</b> of the small write?	
What <b>writing supports</b> are embedded into the activity? How is the activity designed to support students’ writing?	
How could you <b>further support</b> students who need it? What additional support strategies might you use?	

**Table 3: Work time: End-of-Unit Assessment Guide**

Navigate to your End-of-Unit Assessment and download the Assessment Guide from digital resources. <i>Note: If your unit has a two-part End-of-Unit Assessment, focus on Part 1.</i>	
What is the prompt for students?	
Make notes about what each rubric assesses	
<b>Reflection:</b> How could the End-of-Unit Assessment Guide help your planning and instruction throughout the whole unit?	

## Amplify Science unit essentials reference

Grade	Unit	Student role	Unit type	Focal crosscutting concept	Sense-making strategy	Writing genre
K	Needs of Plants and Animals	scientist	investigation	systems	setting a purpose	explanation
	Pushes and Pulls	pinball engineer	design	cause and effect	visualizing	explanation
	Sunlight and Weather	weather scientist	modeling	cause and effect	making predictions	explanation
1	Animal and Plant Defenses	aquarium scientist	modeling	structure and function	visualizing	explanation
	Light and Sound	light and sound engineer	design	cause and effect	asking questions	explanation
	Spinning Earth	sky scientist	investigation	systems	making predictions	explanation
2	Plant and Animal Relationships	plant scientist	investigation	systems	setting a purpose	explanation
	Properties of Materials	glue engineer	design	cause and effect	making predictions	design argument
	Changing Landforms	geologist	modeling	scale	visualizing	explanation
3	Balancing Forces	scientist	modeling	stability and change	setting a purpose	explanation
	Inheritance and Traits	wildlife biologist	investigation	patterns	asking questions	explanation
	Environments and Survival	biomimicry engineer	design	stability and change	making inferences	scientific argument
	Weather and Climate	meteorologist	argumentation	patterns	visualizing	scientific argument
4	Energy Conversions	systems engineer	design	systems	synthesizing	design argument
	Vision and Light	conservation biologist	investigation	structure and function	asking questions	explanation
	Earth's Features	geologist	argumentation	stability and change	making inferences	scientific argument
	Waves, Energy, and Information	marine scientist	modeling	patterns	visualizing	explanation
5	Patterns of Earth and Sky	astronomer	investigation	patterns	visualizing	explanation
	Modeling Matter	food scientist	modeling	scale	making inferences	explanation
	The Earth System	water resource engineer	design	systems	synthesizing	explanation
	Ecosystem Restoration	ecologist	argumentation	energy and matter	synthesizing	scientific argument

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# Additional Amplify resources

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## Program Guide

Additional insight into the program's structure, intent, philosophies, supports, and flexibility.

<https://my.amplify.com/programguide>

**California Edition:**

<http://amplify.com/science/california/review>

**Louisiana Edition:**

<https://my.amplify.com/programguide/content/louisiana/welcome/elementary-school/>

## Amplify Help

Frequently updated compilation of articles with advice and answers from the Amplify team.

[my.amplify.com/help](http://my.amplify.com/help)

## Caregivers Site

<https://amplify.com/amplify-science-family-resource-intro/>

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## Amplify Support

Contact the Amplify support team for information specific to enrollment and rosters, technical support, materials and kits, and teaching support, weekdays 7AM-10PM EST and weekends 10AM-6PM EST.

Email: [help@amplify.com](mailto:help@amplify.com)

Email: [edsupport@amplify.com](mailto:edsupport@amplify.com) (pedagogical questions)

Phone: 800-823-1969

Or, reach Amplify Chat by clicking the  icon at the bottom right of the digital Teacher's Guide.

### **When contacting the support team:**

- Identify yourself as an Amplify Science user.
- Note the unit you are teaching.
- Note the type of device you are using (Chromebook, iPad, Windows, laptop).
- Note the web browser you are using (Chrome or Safari).
- Include a screenshot of the problem, if possible. Copy your district or site IT contact on emails.

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