

Unit 4: Energy

What is energy?

9 weeks (35 sessions)

STAGE 1: DESIRED LEARNING

Essential Question: What is energy?

Essential Writing Tasks: This unit includes two writing tasks for students to explore research and opinion genres of writing.

Biography Feature Article: Students will write a multi-paragraph biography feature article piece about a famous individual that includes information found through research to tell the story about a famous individual's life. Students will continue using their research skills to gather information about their selected topic and will use text evidence from their research to support their written content. This task continues students' exploration of the writing process: planning, drafting, and presenting.

Energy Infographic: Students will create a series of short infographics about a set of selected energy sources, based on information read in their Energy Eco Facts texts and online resources. Students will consider how authors may sometimes share very short pieces of information with readers and need to consider what is the most important information they need to share in their own written tasks, based on their purpose for writing.

STAGE 3: THE LEARNING PLAN

The Learning Plan below gives a detailed explanation of the work that happens on a day-to-day basis to guide students to the Essential Question, Essential Writing Tasks, and learning standards outlined in Stage 1. The expectation is that all writing tasks are taught in the order outlined in Stage 3.

UNIT 4 PLANNER

Writing Task 1	Research: Biography Feature Article <hr/> Patterns of Power Conventions Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use an apostrophe to form contractions and possessives• Use subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences• Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence	20 Sessions
Writing Task 2	Opinion/Research: Energy Infographic <hr/>	15 Sessions

	Patterns of Power Conventions Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use conjunctions within complex sentences• Produce complete sentences, avoiding splices, fragments, and run-ons.	
Total Sessions		35 Sessions

