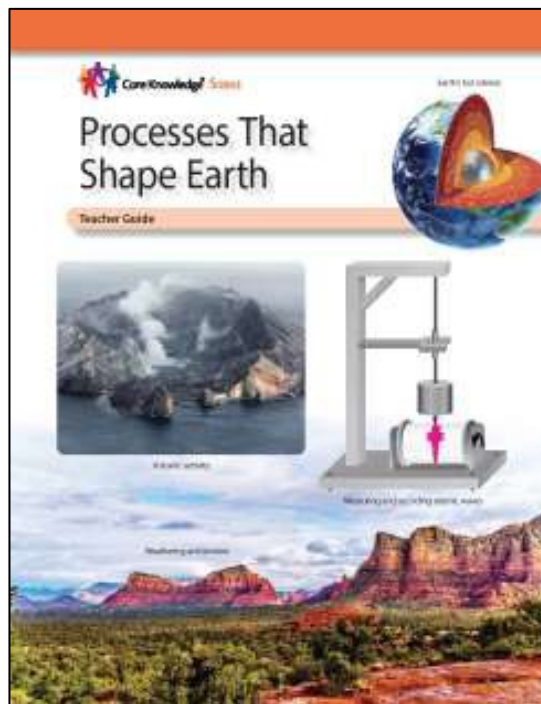


Processes That Shape Earth

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1	Note to Teachers and Curriculum Planners - The learning progressions of Disciplinary Core Ideas offer guidance regarding the scope and sequence of learning about Earth's Systems in the elementary grades and beyond. ESS1.C: The History of Planet Earth ESS2.A: Earth Materials and Systems ESS2.B: Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions ESS2.E: Biogeology ESS3.B: Natural Hazards - Learn more about these core ideas and their related content by reading the corresponding section of A Framework for K-12 Science Education. See also the Teachers Resources section of this guide.
2	Note to Core Knowledge Teachers: 2019 Core Knowledge Science Sequence for this unit: Domain—Processes that Shape Earth CKSci correlations to the 2010 Core Knowledge Sequence— GRADE 3 GRADE 4 GRADE 5
3	This unit has been informed by the following Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Performance Expectations: Topic—4. Earth's Systems: Processes that Shape Earth 4-ESS1-1 4-ESS2-1 4-ESS2-2 4-ESS3-2* <i>* Expectations that integrate engineering design practices and knowledge are noted above with an asterisk.</i>
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