

A note to those using these resources:

The chart is the place to start when you are looking for resources to help you teach science. The chart is available in two forms. It is available in hard copy as a file folder. You may use the folder to keep the activities that you are currently using and as a quick reference as to what is available. It is also available in electronic format, both on the Web and on DVD. This format is more useful because you can click on links and go directly to the new activity that you are looking for.

The chart is organized so that you can see at a glance the materials available to you. The first two columns list activities that have been available with the 5-8 Science series. You will need to look in the teacher's edition and in the teacher's resource notebook.

The third column lists new activities that you may want to use. The key to the sources is at the top of the page. Those that are listed as links take you to new, free materials that will help you as you conduct inquiry based, hands-on science. In addition to the free activities, materials from AIMS have been listed. You may go to their website and do a search for the e-activity and purchase it. Some schools have some of the science materials from the Concerned Group. Some activities from their books have also been listed.

The fourth column has sheets for you to use that are in two categories. The first of these is updates. Some things in science have changed since the books were published, such as the food pyramid. These updates will help you teach current information. The second category is frontiers. These sheets help you with new discoveries that have been made in science. These of course won't stay cutting edge. The Internet is a good place to look for recent science news to use in class.

The next to last column is videos. The NAD has negotiated with Discovery Education (which used to be United Streaming) for excellent subscription rates to this service. If you have the service you may go and type the title given for a chapter into their search engine and quickly go to a video that has been correlated to chapter's topic. The video have been chosen based on their topics. They have not all been previewed. Before you use a video or a section of a video in class you should preview it and make sure that is appropriate for your group of students.

The final column lists some images that you may find useful. Some are found in the Encyclopedia Britannica online which NAD has subscribed to for each school. You can do a quick search on the name of the image given and get a copy to use in class. Google images is also listed but like many resources found online they may not be there when you need them so make sure you find them before you need them.

All the new activities are also organized in two other ways. You may go from the main menu to lists by topic or to a complete alphabetical list of all activities.

It is hoped that you will find these resources useful in the time before a new series is available.