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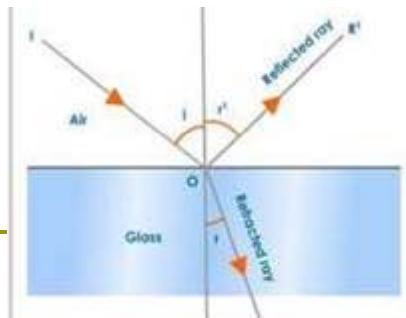
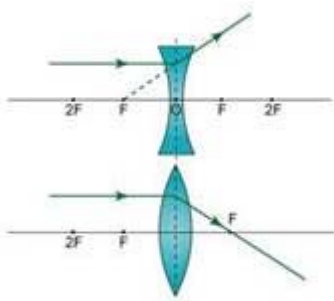
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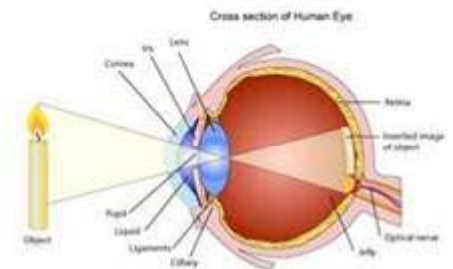
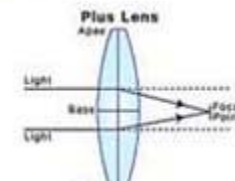
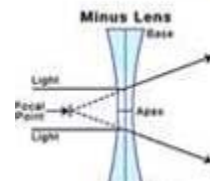
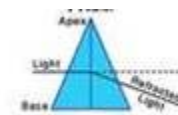
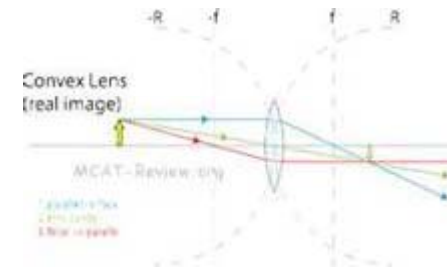
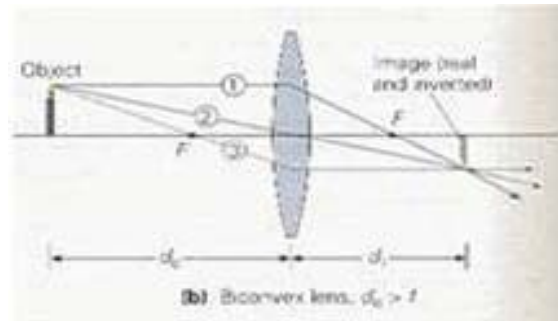
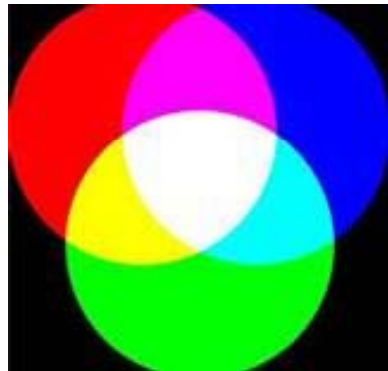
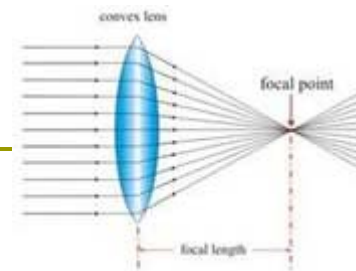
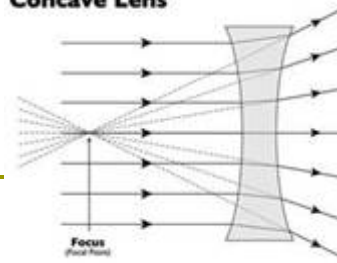
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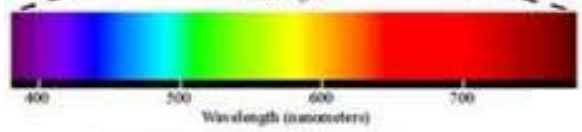
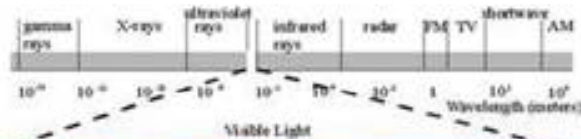
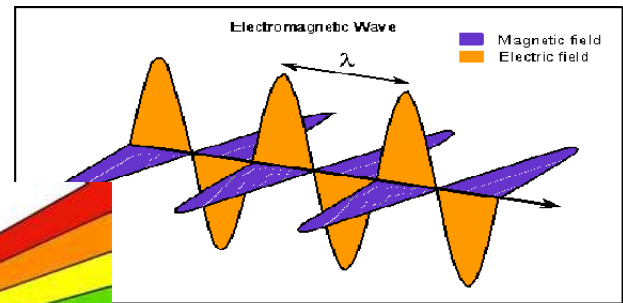
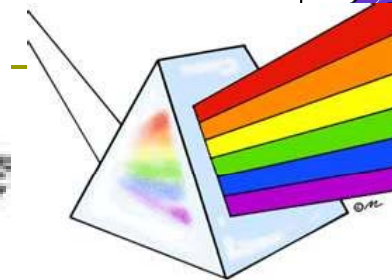
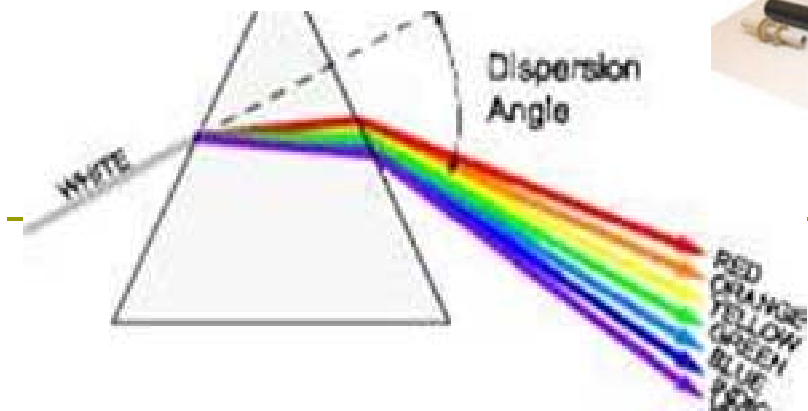
Friday, September 28, 2012 at the *University of Alabama, 3408 SEC, Tuscaloosa AL*

- **8:30 am: Registration, Coffee, Agenda, Institute surveys, and PS-21 update and Concept Pre-test**
- **9:00-10:30: Concept-1) Light - reflection and refraction: mirrors and lenses + engaging students with hands-on strategies, PhET simulations, & sharing teaching/learning ideas**
- **10:30 – 10:40: Break**
- **10:40– 12:30 Concept-2) Light – frequency: color + engaging students with hands-on strategies, PhET simulations, & sharing teaching/learning ideas**
- **12:30 – 1:30: Lunch**
- **1:30-3:15: Concept-3) Determining atom/electron structure through spectroscopy + engaging students with hands-on strategies , simulations, & sharing teaching/learning ideas**
- **3:20– 3:30 Break**
- **3:15– 3:45: Wrap up, Institute surveys, Feedback, post-test, future dates & science topics– Graduate credit assignments**

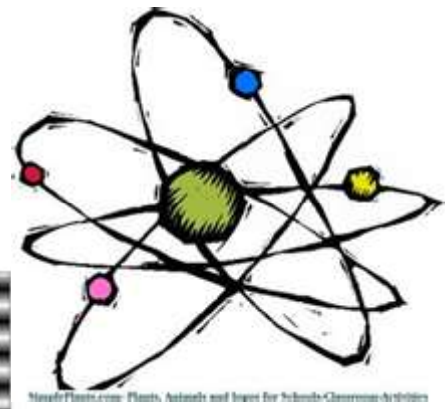
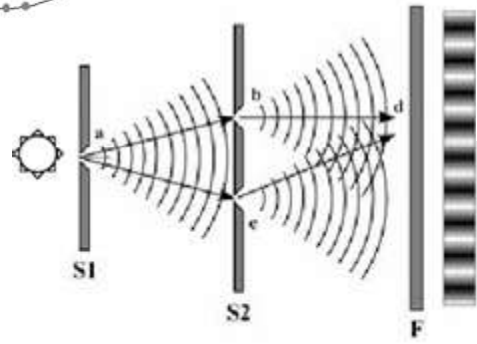
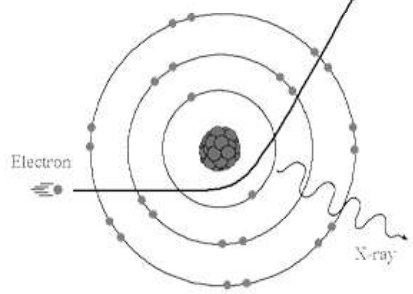
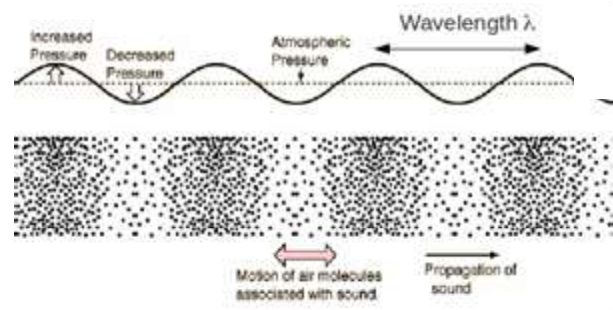
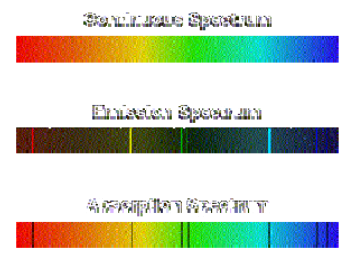
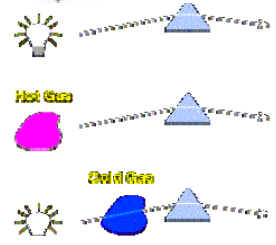


Concave Lens





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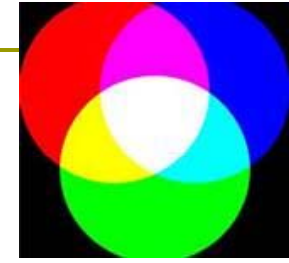


Source: Plants, Animals and Insect for Schools Classroom Activities

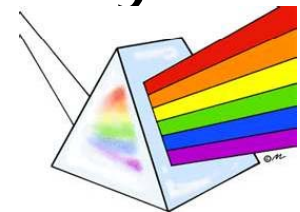
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Website: PS-21 WEEBLY

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- Current activities and many resources
- Post your questions to be answered.
Respond to other teachers questions
- Threaded discussions on physical science questions – e.g. light & color and other discussions.
- Request each teacher make a monthly posting to the discussion board on **<http://ps21pd.weebly.com/>**



PS-21 Year long objectives

- ❑ Acquire and demonstrate greater and deeper 21st century content knowledge on key physics concept themes in the physical sciences found in the national and state standards,
- ❑ Acquire and implement in science classrooms effective teaching techniques aimed at facilitating students' meaningful understanding of physical science content [Science pedagogical content knowledge (PCK)]
- ❑ Use student inquiry labs and interactive approaches to model conceptual themes in the physical sciences
- ❑ Engage in professional development with both science content and pedagogy during the school year through varied venues as a means of maintaining and enhancing practice as highly qualified science teachers.

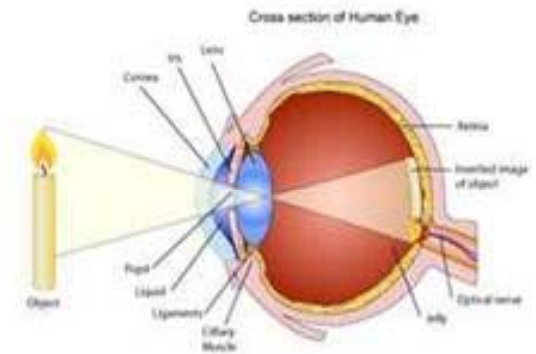
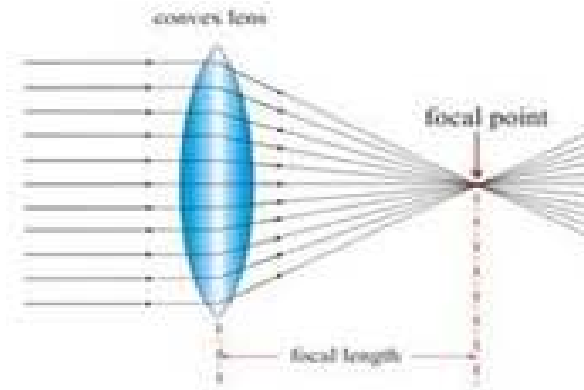
PS-21 Institute Objectives

Experiencing, inquiring, using, and measuring to create meaningful learning of concepts in physical science through three questions:

1. What misconceptions do your students bring to physical science and what should you do about them?
2. What engaging explanations and activities can be used in teaching the concepts?
3. What applications can be used with the concepts to assist application and transfer to the real world?

Bring the following materials. We will use them with science concepts at this PS-21 Institute.

Bring lap top computer and/or a flash drive if you have one, you can bookmark URLs of useful sites on it. We have lap top (netbooks) spares here if you need one.



Websites to Accompany PS-21 Institute Activities



Concept 1: *Light: Optics*

- **Optics For Kids - Optical Society of America:** Web site is devoted to everything optics!
Optical Society of America (OSA)

www.optics4kids.org

- **Physics Front and PhET Simulations:**
Multiple examples
<http://www.compadre.org/precollege/static/unit.cfm?sb=13&course=2>

□ **Hands-On Optics**

- Many websites
<http://www.hands-on-optics.org/resources/links.aspx>

□ **Fun Science Gallery**

- Optics Projects
<http://www.funsci.com/texts/eno.htm>

□ **PhET Simulations**

- <http://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/category/physics/light-and-radiation>

Properties, Reflection, Refraction, & Dispersion of Light

The Science Spot

[http://sciencespot.net
/Pages/kdzphysics4
.html](http://sciencespot.net/Pages/kdzphysics4.html)

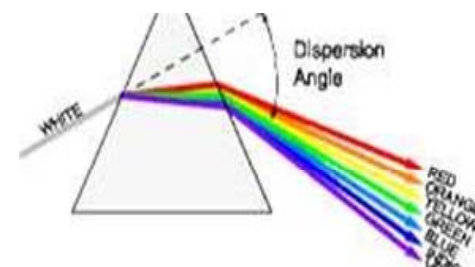
- [The Science of Light](#)
- [Physics of Light](#)
- [Shockwave Physics](#)
- [Sandlot Science](#)
- [Optics for Kids](#)
- [See The Light](#)
- [Color Matters](#)

- [OMSI Color Mix](#)
- [Colors - Stroop Effect](#)
- [Carmine Chameleon:](#)
- [Color Theory](#)
- [Color Cube Activities](#)
- [Exploratorium - Mix & Match](#)
- [NOVA - The Light Stuff](#)
- [iknowthat.com](#)

[Operation Optics](#)

- [iknowthat.com - Optics Workbench](#)
- <http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/lightandcolor/java.html>

Websites to Accompany PS-21 Institute Activities



Concept 2: *Light: Color*

□ PhET Simulations

<http://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/category/physics/light-and-radiation>

□ Physics Front and PhET Simulations:

Multiple examples

<http://www.compadre.org/precollege/items/detail.cfm?ID=4592>

□ Lesson Plan Library

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/free-lesson-plans/sight-and-light.cfm>

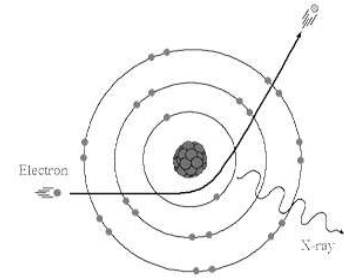
□ Middle school color and light activities

http://www.delta-education.com/downloads/samples_dsm/ColorLightLink1.pdf

□ Bill Nye: Light and Color #16

<http://www.tv.com/shows/bill-nye-the-science-guy/light-and-color-241864/>

Websites to Accompany PS-21 Institute Activities



Concept 3: Atom/electron Structure through Spectroscopy

▣ Atomic spectra and the Bohr model

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/3563>

▣ Bill Nye Atoms 1

http://teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=105573

▣ Atoms and Light Energy

http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/teachers/lessons/xray_spectra/background-atoms.html

▣ Middle school color and light activities

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/free-lesson-plans/the-color-spectrum-how-does-it-work.cfm>

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/free-lesson-plans/the-electromagnetic-spectrum-waves-of-energy.cfm>

▣ Concord Consortium: High school activities with the atom

<http://concord.org/activities/atomic-structure>

PS-21 Resources: Physical Science Teaching Videos

Annenberg Free videos online

<http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html>

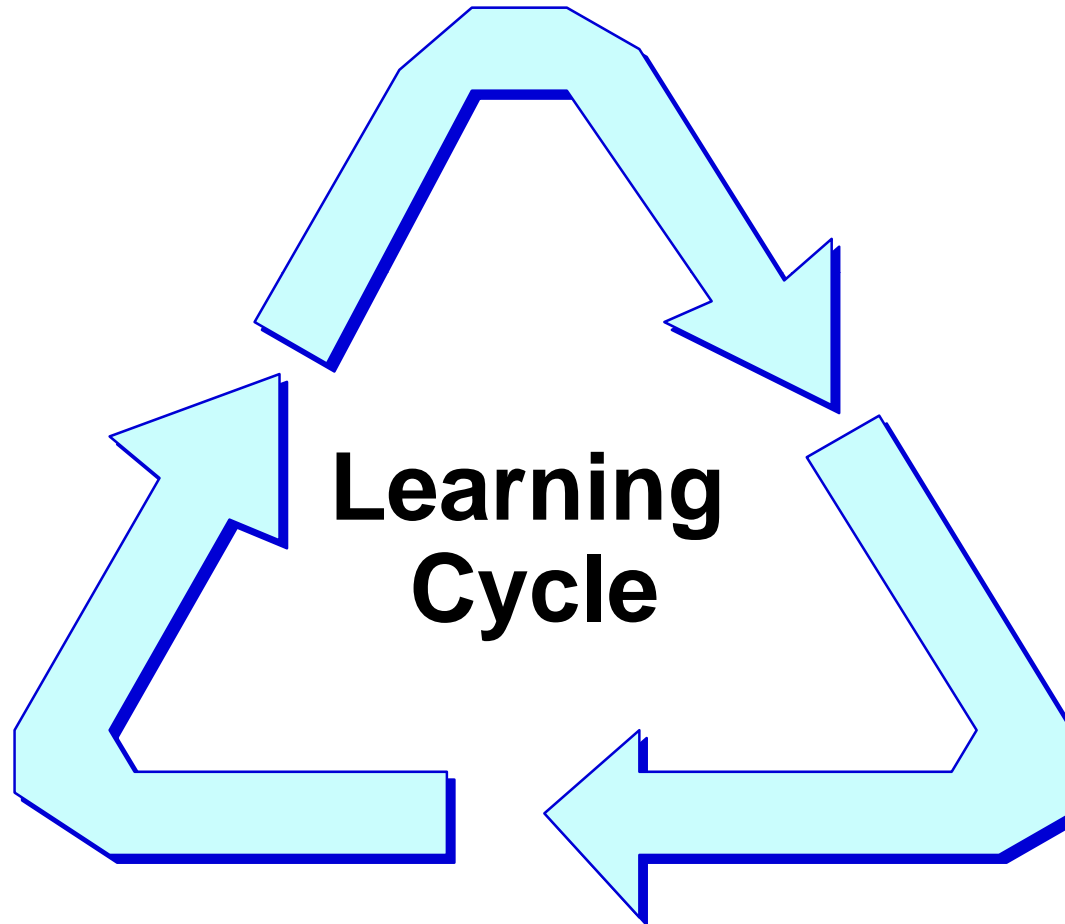
**Minds of our own -- 1. Can we believe our eyes?
– Mirrors**

**<http://www.learner.org/resources/series26.html>
Problem and explanation 5:30-9:50**

**Private Universe Project in Science: Workshop 5
Can we believe our eyes? – Mirror interviews
and explanation 4:50-9:00-11:30**

<http://www.learner.org/resources/series29.html>

PS-21 Resources: Inquiry Instruction **Sequence**



Students Prior Knowledge

- ❑ Created from personal experiences
- ❑ Disagrees with scientific inquiry
- ❑ Partially valuable and useful in coping with everyday world
- ❑ Uses household meanings of scientific words
- ❑ Acquired from physical and social world
- ❑ Incorporated new facts with prior knowledge

Light and Color Misconceptions

- ❑ Visible light is the only type of light
- ❑ All radiation is harmful.
- ❑ The primary colors of light are identical to the primary colors of pigments.
- ❑ Red objects in space are hot; blue objects are cool.
- ❑ Filters change the color of light.

<http://amazing-space.stsci.edu/resources/myths/light.php>

❑ **Misconceptions: Color and vision**

<http://www.cyberphysics.co.uk/PGCE/Misconceptions/colour.htm>

❑ **NASA From Questions to Discoveries PDF**

http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/274682main_Light_and_Color_Educator.pdf

Light and Color Misconceptions

- ❑ The pupil of the eye is a black object or spot on the surface of the eye.
- ❑ The eye receives upright images.
- ❑ The lens is the only part of the eye responsible for focusing light.
- ❑ The lens forms an image (picture) on the retina. The brain then "looks" at this image and that is how we see.
- ❑ The eye is the only organ for sight; the brain is only for thinking.
- ❑ A white light source, such as an incandescent or fluorescent bulb, produces light made up of only one color.
- ❑ Sunlight is different from other sources of light because it contains no color.
- ❑ When white light passes through a prism, color is added to the light.

Light and Color Misconceptions

- ❑ The rules for mixing color paints and crayons are the same as the rules for mixing colored lights.
 - ❑ The primary colors for mixing colored lights are red, blue and yellow.
 - ❑ A colored light striking an object produces a shadow behind it that is the same color as the light. For example, when red light strikes an object, a red shadow is formed.
 - ❑ The shades of gray in a black and white newspaper picture are produced by using inks with different shades of gray.
 - ❑ When white light passes through a colored filter, the filter adds color to the light.
 - ❑ The different colors appearing in colored pictures printed in magazines and newspapers are produced by using different inks with all the corresponding colors.
- *<http://www.eskimo.com/~bill/miscon/opphys.html>

Light and Color Misconceptions

- ❑ The mixing of colored paints and pigments follow the same rules as the mixing of colored lights
- ❑ The primary colors used by artists (red, yellow and blue) are the same as the primary colors for all color mixing.
- ❑ Color is a property of an object, and is independent of both the illuminating light and the receiver (eye).
- ❑ White light is colorless and clear, enabling you to see the "true" color of objects.
- ❑ When a colored light illuminates a colored object, the color of the light mixes with the color of the object.
- ❑ Novel explanations of visual phenomena involving color perception usually involve only the properties of the object being observed, and do not include properties of the eye-brain system.

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Common Student Ideas About Light and Vision

Students explanations and mental models of what is light and how light works.

- ❑ Reflected light is shine or glare not something associated with seeing objects.
- ❑ Light can only do some of the following: be absorbed, blocked, reflected, or refracted by an object.
- ❑ Light is not reflected in a predictable manner & angle.
- ❑ Light is not refracted in a predictable manner & angle.
- ❑ The reflection of an object is located on the surface of the mirror. The reflection is often thought of as a picture on a flat or curved surface.

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- ❑ To be seen in a mirror, the object must be directly in front of the mirror or within the line-of-sight from the observer to the mirror.
 - ❑ Light always passes straight through transparent material (without changing direction).
 - ❑ When an object is viewed through a transparent material, the object is seen exactly where it is located.
 - ❑ Light only reflects from mirrors and shiny objects.
 - ❑ If students are asked what helps you see? Most will answer glasses, seeing-eye dogs, binoculars, hand lenses, or microscopes, not light.

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- ❑ White light is pure and colorless light.
 - ❑ Color is a property of something other than a property of light.
 - ❑ Sunlight is red, yellow, or orange
 - ❑ Light travels from our eyes so we can see.
 - ❑ Light emanates from the object being looked at (not a property of what light is reflected or absorbed).
 - ❑ A prism or colored filter (piece of gel or plastic) puts color into light when it passes through it.
 - ❑ Bright light travels further than dim.
 - ❑ Light travels further at night.

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- ❑ Light only travels a short way.
 - ❑ Light stops.
 - ❑ Bats and owls can see in complete darkness.
 - ❑ Humans can see in complete darkness after the eye adjusts. Students can persist with this belief by simply extending the time minutes, hours, days, years...
 - ❑ Rainbows are sunlight reflected from rain
 - ❑ Water has color in it and when it hits the light you see it.

Summary List of Student Misconceptions of Light to Plan Lessons Around

- ❑ Nature of light rarely taught before middle school, only definition - Light is a form of energy (Watts, 1984).
- ❑ By 13-14 understand light is a source (bulb), an effect (spot of light), or a state (bright) but may not recognize light as a *physical entity* (Guesne, 1985).
- ❑ Students need to construct understanding while exploring properties in secondary science.

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- By 13-15 year old students do not think of light as
 - traveling at all from place to place (Guesne, 1985).
 - traveling out from source very far before it stops.
 - not traveling in the daytime
 - traveling further at night (Stead and Osborne, 1980)
 - Lenses not necessary to form images
 - Whole lens needed to form an image

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- ❑ Light bounces off mirrors but not other objects
 - ❑ Light scattering off objects not understood (Anderson & Smith, 1983)
 - ❑ Moving back from a mirror enables you to see more (Goldberg & McDermott, 1986)
 - ❑ White light is an entity not a mixture of colors
 - ❑ Red light from a projector not understood as transmission of some frequencies of light
 - ❑ Color an innate property of an object, light just helps us see the color

What are Effective Research Based Strategies in Teaching Light and Vision?

- ❑ Important to teach what a model is and that all models are limited in specific ways (light, frequency, wave length, transmission, etc.)
- ❑ Need to present students with cognitive conflict challenging their existing models.
- ❑ Then need to offer a new “better” model that must be practiced.
- ❑ Next, the new model must impress the students by working when applied in new settings
- ❑ The new models must be simple ones that clearly relate to students prior knowledge.

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- ❑ A great amount of experience is needed with predicting and measuring sound in various contexts order to challenge prior ideas.
 - ❑ Then, ask students to explain what and why these light phenomena occur.
 - ❑ Introduce light with a focus on energy as well as properties
 - ❑ Important to ask students to develop a generalized theory of light and light transmission, and light waves

Using the **LEARNING CYCLE** to Plan Lessons*

□ **EXPLORATION**

- Confront existing knowledge - focus student's attention
- Recall and relate previous knowledge in small groups
- Try out prior knowledge in a new setting

□ **INVENTION**

- Reflect on and discuss the results of exploration
- Use a variety of analogies
- Provide examples and models
- Provide closure

□ **EXPANSION**

- Provide additional student practice
- Provide application and transfer skills
- Provide summary

* See ALCOS - Science

Group Activity

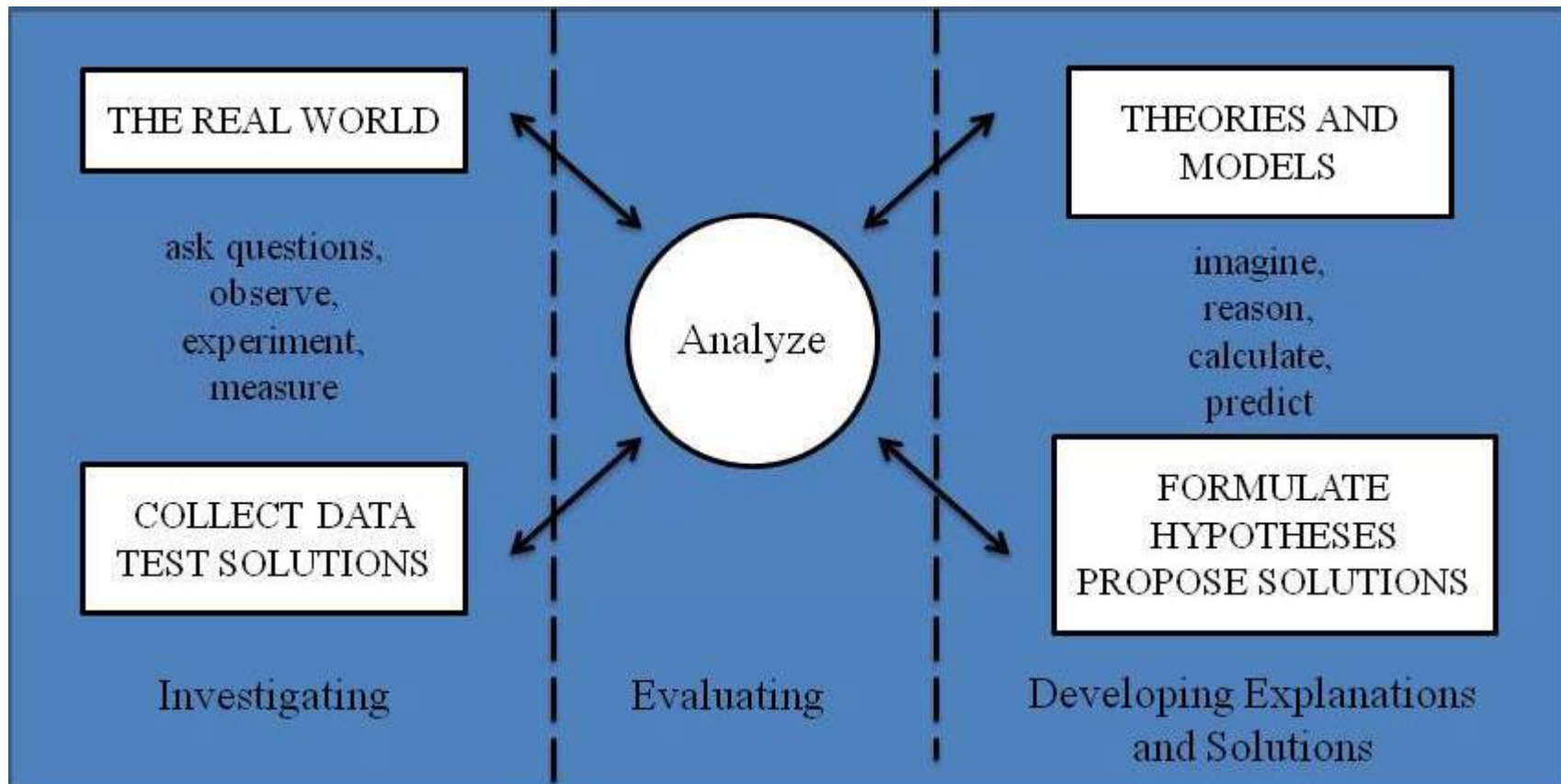
Can you complete the task below?

Review the ideas and materials presented earlier for a light and color concepts and **create/write** 6 station activity **cards** that when sequenced form a learning/teaching cycle for the concept selected.

PS–21 Resources: A New Framework for K-12 Science Education & Common Core Standards (NGSS)

- ***The Framework for K-12 science standards: Practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas*** was released in July, 2011 by the National research Council (NRC). The NRC was responsible for developing the NSES in 1996. PDF available from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13165
- **These new core standards (NGSS) are designed to strengthen the National Science Education Standards and gradually replace them.**
- **The Common Core Standards have already been developed in English-Language Arts and Mathematics.**

Three Spheres of Activity for Scientists and Engineers



Crosscutting Concepts

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- 1) Patterns
- 2) Cause and Effect
- 3) Scale, proportion, quantity
- 4) Systems and models
- 5) Energy and matter
- 6) Structure and function
- 7) Stability and change

Disciplinary Common Core Idea Areas

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Physical Sciences

- **PS 1: Matter and its interactions**
- **PS 2: Motion and stability: Forces and interactions**
- **PS 3: Energy**
- **PS 4: Waves and their applications in technologies**
for information transfer

Common Core Ideas in the Framework: Physical Sciences - PS-21 Institute #2

PS1: Matter and its interactions

PS1A: Structure and properties of matter

PS1B: Chemical reactions

PS1C: Nuclear processes

PS2: Motion and stability: Forces and interactions

PS2A: Forces and motion

PS2B: Types of interaction

PS2C: Stability and instability in physical systems

PS3: Energy

PS3A: Definitions of energy

PS3B: Conservation of energy and energy transfer

PS3C: Relationship between energy and forces

PS3D: Energy in chemical processes and everyday life

PS4: Waves and their applications

PS4A: Wave properties

PS4B: Electromagnetic radiation

PS4C: Information technologies and instrumentation

PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation

- *What is light?*
- *How can one explain the varied effects that involve light?*
- *What other forms of electromagnetic radiation are there?*
- At the surface between two media, like any wave, light can be reflected, refracted (its path bent), or absorbed. What occurs depends on properties of the surface and the wavelength of the light.

By the end of grade 8

- *When light shines on an object, it is reflected, absorbed, or transmitted through the object, depending on the object's material and the frequency (color) of the light.*

By the end of grade 12

- *Electromagnetic radiation (e.g., radio, microwaves, light) can be modeled as a wave of changing electric and magnetic fields or as particles called photons. The wave model is useful for explaining many features of electromagnetic radiation, and the particle model explains other features. Quantum theory relates the two models. (Boundary: Quantum theory is not explained further at this grade level.)*

PS-21 Internet Resources

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PS-21 WEEBLY

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1. *Pathway: Physics Teaching Web Advisory*

<http://www.physicspathway.org/>

2. Annenberg Free videos online

<http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html>

3. Physical Sciences Resource Center

<http://www.compadre.org/psrc/>

4. Physics classroom topics

www.physicsclassroom.com/Class

5. Physics Forums: help in teaching

<http://physicsforums.com/>

6. Physics related websites

7. Online simulations

<http://phet.colorado.edu/index.php>

8. Physical science classroom

PS-21 Resources: PS-21 Web Site

Website:PS-21 WEEBLY

<http://ps21pd.weebly.com/>

- ❑ Current activities and many resources
- ❑ Post your questions to be answered.
Respond to other teachers questions
- ❑ Threaded discussions on physical science questions – e.g. light & color and other discussions.
- ❑ Request each teacher make a monthly posting to the discussion board on
<http://ps21pd.weebly.com/>

PS-21 Resources:



1. Pathway: Physics Teaching Web Advisory

- <http://www.physicspathway.org/>
- ***Digital video library for physics teaching at secondary school level***
- ***Four expert physics teachers provide expert advice in short scenes through synthetic interviews - Roberta Lang, Paul Hewitt, Chuck Lang, & Leroy Salary***
- ***Related Videos are also available***

**K-8 Physical
Science
Physics First
Conceptual Physics**

<http://www.thephysicsfront.org/items/detail.cfm?ID=2493>

Some Topics

Education Foundations

- Alternative Conceptions

Modern Physics

- General

Oscillations & Waves

- Wave Motion

= Interference and Diffraction

= Longitudinal Pulses and Waves

= Phase and Group Velocity

= Transfer of Energy in Waves

= Transverse Pulses and Waves

Quantum Physics

-Probability, Waves, and
Interference

AAAS Project 2061 Science Assessment Website

- Here you will find free access to more than 600 items. The items:
 - Are appropriate for middle and early high school students.
 - Test student understanding in the earth, life, physical sciences, and the nature of science.
 - Test for common misconceptions as well as correct ideas.
- This website also includes:
 - Data on how well U.S. students are doing
 - My Item Bank,” a feature that allows you to select, save, and print items
 - A feature that allows you to create and take tests online using items from the item collection

<http://assessment.aaas.org/>

PS-21 Resources: Physical Science Teaching Videos

2. Annenberg Free videos online

<http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html>

- [The Missing Link: Essential Concepts for Middle School Math Teachers](#)

This video workshop for middle school math teachers covers essential topics missed in most U.S. math curricula.

- [Physics for the 21st Century](#)

A multimedia course for high school physics teachers, undergraduate students, and science enthusiasts; 11 half-hour programs, online text, facilitator's guide, and Web site.

- [The Science of Teaching Science](#)

This video workshop for new and veteran K-8 science teachers inspires them to explore new methods of teaching science.

- [Teaching High School Science](#)

- This video library for high school teachers shows the practice of effective inquiry teaching in the science classroom.

PS-21 Resources: PS Resource Center URL

3. Physical Sciences Resource Center

□ <http://www.compadre.org/psrc/>

Browse the PSRC by Subject:

- - **Astronomy**
- - **Education Practices**
- - **Electricity & Magnetism**
- - **General Physics**
- - **Modern Physics**
- - **Optics**
- - **Oscillations & Waves**
- - **Other Sciences**

PS-21 Resources: The Physics Classroom Topics URL

4. Physics Topics

www.physicsclassroom.com/Class

- **The Physics Classroom Tutorial**
- **Multimedia Physics Studios**
- **Shockwave Physics Studios**
- **Minds on Physics Internet Modules**
- **Curriculum Corner**
- **The Laboratory**
- **Physics Tutorials**
 - 1-D Kinematics
 - Newton's Laws
 - Vectors - Motion and Forces in Two Dimensions
 - Momentum and Its Conservation
 - Work, Energy, and Power
 - Circular Motion and Satellite Motion

PS-21 Resources: Physics Forums

URL

**5. Physics Forums:
help in teaching
science**

□ <http://physicsforums.com/>

- Science Education
- Physics
- Astronomy & Cosmology
- Mathematics
- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Other Sciences

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6. Physics-Related Websites

- ❑ American Association of Physics Teachers <http://www.aapt.org>.
- ❑ Alabama Section of AAPT <http://bama.ua.edu/~alaapt/>
- ❑ More links from AL/AAPT <http://bama.ua.edu/~alaapt/links.htm>
- ❑ Colorado <http://phet.colorado.edu/index.php>
- ❑ Campadre <http://www.compadre.org/>
- ❑ MERLOT <http://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>
- ❑ American Physical Society educators' page
 <http://www.aps.org/studentsandeducators/index.cfm>
- ❑ Physics Central <http://www.physicscentral.org/>
- ❑ Particle physics <http://particleadventure.org/>
- ❑ Physics Teacher Education Coalition <http://www.phystec.org/>
- ❑ Live photo project <http://livephoto.rit.edu/>
- ❑ A good site for physics applets is:
 <http://www.falstad.com/mathphysics.html>

PS-21 Resources: Interactive Science Simulations

7. Interactive, research based simulations of physical phenomena from the PhET project at the University of Colorado.

<http://phet.colorado.edu/index.php>

PS-21 Resources:

8. The Physical Science Classroom

- **Physical Science Activities** Teacher's Guides by Program Title

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/teachers/resources/title.html>

- **Chemistry Activities – Videos**

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/teachers/resources/subj_02_03.html

- **PBS-NOVA for Teachers**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/teachers/>

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Use of Analogies in Teaching Light Concepts

- ❑ Analogies have both value and problems. You must judge the cost vs benefit.
- ❑ Students naturally use their own experience and generate analogies
- ❑ Biological, hydrodynamic, thermal, and mechanical analogies have been used. There are many traps and false conclusions with analogies.
- ❑ As with all analogies you must review or teach the analogy first – understand and experience it, then make specific connections.

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- Important to use multiple analogies citing limitations in each.
 - Research has shown some value in mechanical analogies – v waves from a row of swimming ducks
 - Students applying ideas find it hard to recognize the concepts of waves and sound in the practical situations.

Teaching Strategy for Science Analogies

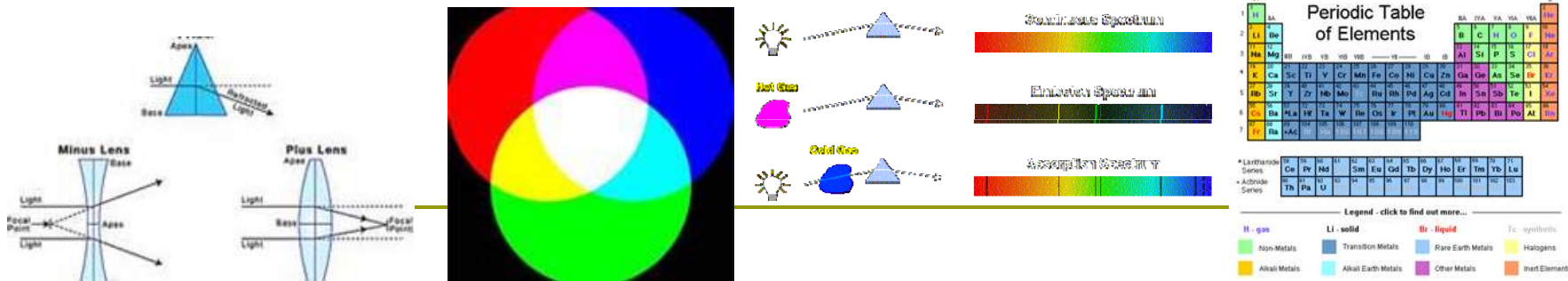
- ❑ Step 1--Introduce the concept to be learned
- ❑ Step 2--Review with the students' the analogous situation.
- ❑ Step 3--Identify the relevant features of the analog model.
- ❑ Step 4--Map out the similarities between the analog model and the concept.
- ❑ Step 5--Indicate where the analogy breaks down.
- ❑ Step 6--Draw conclusions about the concept.

Planning Physical Science Lessons

- Elicit student ideas
- Provide data to link student ideas to science concepts
- Have students present and defend their ideas
- Introduce scientific perspective
- Change context
- Have students apply and defend their new understanding
- Have students reflect on their learning

Feedback

- ❑ Status: How are you doing? What are you doing? What is coming up next in your planning?
- ❑ Planning: What are you now planning that relates to this workshop? How far are you along? Do you need any help?
- ❑ Light and Color Concepts: Do you see difficult physical science concepts coming up that we could discuss with you?
- ❑ Technical: What comments on problems do you have with using technology/internet materials or other technical questions?



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