

# Understanding by Design Template

## Stage 1 - Desired Outcome

### Established Goals:

\* What relevant goals (e.g. content standards, course or program objective, learning outcomes) will this design address?

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### Understandings:

*Students will understand that...*

- \* What are the big ideas?
- \* What specific understandings about them are desired?
- \* What misunderstandings are predictable?

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### Essential Questions:

\* What provocative questions will foster inquiry, understanding, and transfer of learning?

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*Students will know . . .*

\* What key knowledge and skills will students acquire as a result of this unit?

\* What should they eventually be able to do as a result of such knowledge and skill?

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*Students will be able to*

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## Stage 2 - Assessment Evidence

### Performance Tasks:

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- \* Through what authentic performance tasks will students demonstrate the desired understandings?
- \* By what criteria will performances of understanding be judged?

### Other Evidence:

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- \* Through what other evidence (e.g. quizzes, tests, academic prompts, observations, homework, journals) will students demonstrate achievement of the desired results?

- \* How will students reflect upon on self-assess their learning?

## Stage 3 - Learning Plan

### Learning Activities:

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What learning experiences and instruction will enable students to achieve the desired results? How will the design:

W = Help the students know Where the unit is going and What is expected? Help the teacher know Where the students are coming from (prior knowledge, interests)?

H = Hook all students, and Hold their interest?

E = Equip students, help them Experience the key ideas and Explore the issue?

R = Provide opportunities to Rethink and Revise their understandings and work?

E = Allow students to Evaluate their work and its implications?

T = be Tailored (personalized) to the different needs, interests, and abilities of learners?

O = Be Organized to maximize initial and sustained engagement as well as effective learning?