

Fifth Grade Curriculum

Theme: Innovation, Environmental Science, and Data Analysis

Duration: 3 Months (Approximately 12 weeks)

Curriculum Overview

- **Unit 1: Water Filtration Systems** (Weeks 1–4)
 - **Unit 2: Introduction to Robotics** (Weeks 5–8)
 - **Unit 3: Data and Graphing** (Weeks 9–12)
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Unit 1: Water Filtration Systems

Duration: 4 Weeks

Unit Objectives

- Understand the importance of clean water and its impact on health and ecosystems.
- Learn about various pollutants and their effects on water quality.
- Design, build, and test a simple water filtration system.
- Develop scientific inquiry and engineering design skills.
- Foster environmental stewardship and awareness of sustainable practices.

Week 1: Understanding Water Pollution

Lesson 1: The Water Cycle Review

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Interactive Presentation:**
 - Review the stages of the water cycle: evaporation, condensation, precipitation, collection.
 - Discuss how the water cycle is essential for sustaining life.
 - **Class Discussion:**
 - Explore how human activities can affect the water cycle and lead to pollution.
 - **Water Cycle Diagram:**
 - Students draw and label their own water cycle diagrams.

- **Assessment:**
 - Participation in discussion.
 - Accuracy and completeness of water cycle diagrams.

Lesson 2: Sources and Types of Water Pollution

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Group Research:**
 - In small groups, research different sources of water pollution: chemical, biological, physical, and thermal.
 - **Presentation:**
 - Each group presents their findings to the class, including examples and impacts.
 - **Vocabulary Building:**
 - Introduce key terms: pollutant, contaminant, ecosystem, biodegradable.
- **Assessment:**
 - Quality of research and presentations.
 - Understanding of key vocabulary.

Lesson 3: The Impact of Pollutants on Ecosystems

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Case Studies:**
 - Examine real-world examples of water pollution incidents (e.g., oil spills, industrial waste).
 - **Role-Playing Activity:**
 - Students act as environmental scientists assessing the impact on wildlife and habitats.
 - **Class Discussion:**
 - Discuss short-term and long-term effects of pollutants.
- **Assessment:**
 - Engagement in role-playing.
 - Ability to articulate the effects of pollution.

Lesson 4: Water Quality Testing

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Experiment:**
 - Test samples of water with different levels of contamination (using safe substances like food coloring, soil).
 - **Observation and Data Recording:**
 - Use pH strips, turbidity tubes, and thermometers to measure water quality indicators.

- **Data Analysis:**
 - Compare results and discuss what the data indicates about water quality.
- **Assessment:**
 - Accuracy in data collection.
 - Ability to interpret results.

Week 2: Exploring Filtration and Purification Methods

Lesson 5: Introduction to Water Filtration

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Interactive Lesson:**
 - Discuss traditional and modern methods of water filtration and purification.
 - **Demonstration:**
 - Show a simple filtration setup using filter paper and dirty water.
 - **Brainstorming Session:**
 - Students suggest materials that could be used for filtering water.
- **Assessment:**
 - Participation in brainstorming.
 - Understanding of filtration concepts.

Lesson 6: Investigating Filtration Materials

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Experiment:**
 - Test different materials (sand, gravel, charcoal, cotton) for their ability to filter water.
 - **Hypothesis Formation:**
 - Students predict which material will be most effective.
 - **Observation and Data Recording:**
 - Record the clarity of water after passing through each material.
- **Assessment:**
 - Thoughtfulness of hypotheses.
 - Accuracy and detail in observations.

Lesson 7: Designing a Filtration System

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Engineering Challenge Introduction:**
 - Present the task of designing a water filtration system using available materials.
 - **Planning Phase:**
 - Students sketch designs and select materials based on previous experiments.

- **Group Collaboration:**
 - Work in teams to develop a plan and assign roles.
- **Assessment:**
 - Creativity and feasibility of designs.
 - Teamwork during planning.

Lesson 8: Building the Filtration System

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Construction:**
 - Teams build their filtration systems according to their designs.
 - **Safety Review:**
 - Discuss proper handling of materials and equipment.
 - **Troubleshooting:**
 - Address any construction challenges as they arise.
- **Assessment:**
 - Adherence to the design plan.
 - Effective problem-solving.

Week 3: Testing and Analyzing Filtration Systems

Lesson 9: Testing the Filtration Systems

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Experimentation:**
 - Run contaminated water through the filtration systems.
 - **Data Collection:**
 - Measure turbidity, pH, and other indicators before and after filtration.
 - **Observation:**
 - Note changes in water appearance and quality.
- **Assessment:**
 - Precision in data recording.
 - Ability to conduct experiments systematically.

Lesson 10: Data Analysis and Interpretation

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Graphing Results:**
 - Create graphs and charts to represent the data collected.
 - **Comparative Analysis:**
 - Compare the effectiveness of different filtration systems.
 - **Discussion:**

- Interpret what the results mean in terms of water quality improvement.
- **Assessment:**
 - Accuracy in graphing.
 - Depth of analysis in discussions.

Lesson 11: Refining Filtration Designs

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Feedback Session:**
 - Teams present their findings to peers and receive constructive feedback.
 - **Redesign Phase:**
 - Based on feedback and data, students make improvements to their filtration systems.
 - **Documentation:**
 - Update design plans and document changes.
- **Assessment:**
 - Responsiveness to feedback.
 - Justification for design modifications.

Lesson 12: Retesting and Finalizing

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Retesting:**
 - Run new tests on the improved filtration systems.
 - **Data Comparison:**
 - Compare new results with initial data to assess improvements.
 - **Final Analysis:**
 - Draw conclusions about the effectiveness of design changes.
- **Assessment:**
 - Improvement shown in data.
 - Ability to articulate the impact of changes.

Week 4: Presentations and Environmental Stewardship

Lesson 13: Preparing Presentations

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Presentation Development:**
 - Create posters or slides summarizing the project, including problem, design, results, and conclusions.
 - **Public Speaking Skills:**
 - Practice delivering presentations with clear articulation and confidence.

- **Visual Aids:**
 - Enhance presentations with images, diagrams, and data charts.
- **Assessment:**
 - Quality of presentation materials.
 - Preparedness for presenting.

Lesson 14: Project Presentations

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Presentation Day:**
 - Teams present their projects to the class, teachers, or invited guests.
 - **Q&A Session:**
 - Respond to questions from the audience about their project.
- **Assessment:**
 - Clarity and effectiveness of presentations.
 - Ability to answer questions thoughtfully.

Lesson 15: Reflecting on Learning

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Written Reflection:**
 - Individually write about the learning experience, challenges faced, and insights gained.
 - **Class Discussion:**
 - Share reflections and discuss the importance of clean water and environmental responsibility.
- **Assessment:**
 - Depth and honesty in reflections.
 - Participation in discussion.

Lesson 16: Environmental Stewardship Action Plan

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Action Planning:**
 - Develop a class or individual action plan to promote water conservation and pollution prevention.
 - **Commitment Pledge:**
 - Students pledge specific actions they will take to protect water resources.
- **Assessment:**
 - Practicality and specificity of action plans.
 - Demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship.

Ongoing Assessments Throughout Unit

- **Science Journals:** Regular entries documenting hypotheses, observations, data, and reflections.
- **Participation:** Active engagement in experiments, discussions, and group work.
- **Quizzes:** Short assessments to check understanding of key concepts.

Standards Alignment

- **NGSS 5-ESS2-1:** Develop a model using an example to describe ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere interact.
 - **NGSS 5-ESS3-1:** Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.
 - **NGSS 3-5-ETS1-1:** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want.
 - **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.4:** Report on a topic or text, or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically.
 - **CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.MD.B.2:** Represent and interpret data.
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Unit 2: Introduction to Robotics

Duration: 4 Weeks

Unit Objectives

- Understand basic robotics concepts, including sensors, actuators, and programming logic.
- Build and program simple robots using robotics kits (e.g., LEGO Mindstorms, VEX IQ).
- Learn how robots interact with their environment through sensors.
- Develop problem-solving, computational thinking, and teamwork skills.
- Encourage innovation and creativity in designing robotic solutions.

Week 5: Robotics Fundamentals

Lesson 1: What Is Robotics?

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Interactive Presentation:**
 - Define robotics and explore its applications in various fields (medicine, industry, exploration).
 - **Video Clips:**
 - Watch engaging videos showcasing different types of robots.
 - **Discussion:**
 - Discuss how robots can solve problems and improve lives.

- **Assessment:**
 - Participation in discussions.
 - Completion of a KWL chart (Know, Want to know, Learned).

Lesson 2: Exploring Robotics Kits

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Hands-On Introduction:**
 - Familiarize students with the robotics kits and components.
 - **Safety Guidelines:**
 - Review proper handling of tools and equipment.
 - **Building Basics:**
 - Assemble a simple pre-designed robot to understand the building process.
- **Assessment:**
 - Ability to identify and correctly handle kit components.
 - Adherence to safety protocols.

Lesson 3: Basic Robotics Programming

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Introduction to Programming Interface:**
 - Navigate the software used to program the robots.
 - **Programming Fundamentals:**
 - Learn basic commands to control robot movement.
 - **Activity:**
 - Program the robot to perform simple tasks like moving forward and turning.
- **Assessment:**
 - Successful programming of basic movements.
 - Understanding of programming interface.

Lesson 4: Building and Programming a Basic Robot

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Construction:**
 - Build a basic robot model following step-by-step instructions.
 - **Programming:**
 - Write a program to control the robot's movements.
 - **Testing:**
 - Run the program and observe the robot's actions.
- **Assessment:**
 - Completion of robot build.
 - Successful execution of programmed tasks.

Week 6: Sensors and Advanced Programming

Lesson 5: Understanding Sensors

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Sensor Exploration:**
 - Learn about different sensors (touch, ultrasonic, color/light).
 - **Hands-On Activity:**
 - Attach sensors to the robot and observe how they collect data.
 - **Programming with Sensors:**
 - Program the robot to respond to sensor inputs (e.g., stop when an obstacle is detected).
- **Assessment:**
 - Correct installation of sensors.
 - Ability to program sensor-based responses.

Lesson 6: Control Structures in Programming

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Concept Introduction:**
 - Discuss control structures like loops and conditionals.
 - **Programming Practice:**
 - Use loops to repeat actions and conditionals to make decisions in code.
 - **Challenge:**
 - Program the robot to follow a specific path using control structures.
- **Assessment:**
 - Proper use of loops and conditionals.
 - Successful completion of the programming challenge.

Lesson 7: Robotics Challenges

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Task Assignment:**
 - Assign specific challenges (e.g., navigating a maze, line-following).
 - **Problem-Solving:**
 - Plan and write programs to accomplish the assigned tasks.
 - **Testing and Debugging:**
 - Test programs, identify issues, and make corrections.
- **Assessment:**
 - Effectiveness of problem-solving strategies.
 - Ability to debug and improve code.

Lesson 8: Collaborative Robotics Project Planning

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Project Introduction:**
 - Present a group project to design a robot that solves a real-world problem.
 - **Brainstorming Session:**
 - Teams generate ideas and select a project focus.
 - **Planning Phase:**
 - Outline project goals, roles, and timelines.
- **Assessment:**
 - Creativity of project ideas.
 - Organization and clarity in planning.

Week 7: Project Development

Lesson 9: Building the Project Robot

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Construction:**
 - Teams begin building their custom robots based on project plans.
 - **Resource Management:**
 - Efficient use of materials and components.
 - **Problem-Solving:**
 - Address construction challenges collaboratively.
- **Assessment:**
 - Progress in robot construction.
 - Teamwork and cooperation.

Lesson 10: Programming the Project Robot

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Advanced Programming:**
 - Implement complex programming techniques needed for the project.
 - **Incorporating Sensors:**
 - Use sensors to enhance robot functionality.
 - **Testing:**
 - Regularly test programmed actions and refine as necessary.
- **Assessment:**
 - Complexity and effectiveness of programming.
 - Iterative improvement based on testing.

Lesson 11: Troubleshooting and Refinement

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Debugging Session:**
 - Systematically identify and fix issues with the robot's performance.
 - **Peer Feedback:**
 - Teams present progress to classmates and receive suggestions.
 - **Refinement:**
 - Implement improvements based on feedback.
- **Assessment:**
 - Responsiveness to feedback.
 - Enhanced performance of the robot.

Lesson 12: Finalizing the Project

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Preparation for Presentation:**
 - Finalize robot construction and programming.
 - **Documentation:**
 - Prepare project reports detailing the design process, challenges, and solutions.
 - **Rehearsal:**
 - Practice demonstrations and explanations.
- **Assessment:**
 - Completeness of the project.
 - Quality of documentation.

Week 8: Presentations and Reflection

Lesson 13: Robotics Showcase

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Presentation Day:**
 - Teams present their robots to the class and demonstrate functionality.
 - **Explanation:**
 - Discuss the problem addressed, design choices, and programming logic.
 - **Q&A Session:**
 - Answer questions from peers and teachers.
- **Assessment:**
 - Clarity and professionalism in presentations.
 - Ability to articulate the project's aspects.

Lesson 14: Reflecting on the Robotics Experience

- **Duration:** 60 minutes

- **Activities:**
 - **Group Reflection:**
 - Discuss what was learned, including technical skills and teamwork.
 - **Individual Reflection:**
 - Write about personal growth, challenges faced, and future interests in robotics.
- **Assessment:**
 - Insightfulness of reflections.
 - Identification of specific learning outcomes.

Lesson 15: Exploring Careers in Robotics

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Career Exploration:**
 - Research various careers in robotics and related fields.
 - **Guest Speaker:**
 - Invite a professional (if possible) to speak about their work in robotics.
 - **Discussion:**
 - Talk about the importance of STEM education for future opportunities.
- **Assessment:**
 - Engagement during guest presentation.
 - Quality of questions asked.

Lesson 16: Robotics Celebration and Next Steps

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Class Celebration:**
 - Recognize accomplishments and enjoy a robotics-themed event.
 - **Future Opportunities:**
 - Provide information on clubs, competitions, or resources for continued learning.
- **Assessment:**
 - Participation in the celebration.
 - Expressed interest in pursuing robotics further.

Ongoing Assessments Throughout Unit

- **Robotics Journals:** Daily entries documenting building progress, programming code, challenges, and solutions.
- **Participation:** Active involvement in building, programming, and team collaboration.
- **Quizzes:** Periodic assessments on robotics concepts and programming logic.

Standards Alignment

- **NGSS 3-5-ETS1-1:** Define a simple design problem reflecting a need or a want.

- **NGSS 3-5-ETS1-2:** Generate and compare multiple possible solutions to a problem.
 - **NGSS 3-5-ETS1-3:** Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled.
 - **CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards:**
 - **1B-AP-10:** Create programs that include sequences, events, loops, and conditionals.
 - **ISTE Standards for Students:**
 - **1.4 Innovative Designer:** Students use a variety of technologies to solve problems.
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Unit 3: Data and Graphing

Duration: 4 Weeks

Unit Objectives

- Collect, organize, and interpret data using various methods.
- Use graphs and charts (bar graphs, line graphs, pie charts) to represent data visually.
- Understand measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode, and range.
- Apply mathematical concepts to real-world situations through data analysis.
- Develop analytical, critical-thinking, and communication skills.

Week 9: Introduction to Data Collection and Representation

Lesson 1: What Is Data?

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Interactive Discussion:**
 - Define data and its importance in everyday life and science.
 - **Class Activity:**
 - Collect data on a topic (e.g., favorite hobbies) using a survey.
 - **Data Organization:**
 - Create a frequency table from the collected data.
- **Assessment:**
 - Participation in data collection.
 - Accuracy in organizing data.

Lesson 2: Creating Bar Graphs

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Graphing Lesson:**
 - Learn the components of a bar graph: title, axes labels, scales.
 - **Hands-On Activity:**

- Use collected data to create individual bar graphs.
 - **Peer Review:**
 - Exchange graphs with classmates to check for accuracy.
- **Assessment:**
 - Correctness and neatness of graphs.
 - Ability to interpret and explain graphs.

Lesson 3: Pie Charts and Circle Graphs

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Instruction:**
 - Explain how to represent data as parts of a whole using pie charts.
 - **Math Connection:**
 - Calculate percentages and degrees for each category.
 - **Activity:**
 - Create pie charts using protractors and compasses or software tools.
- **Assessment:**
 - Accuracy in calculations.
 - Proper construction of pie charts.

Lesson 4: Line Graphs and Trends

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Concept Introduction:**
 - Discuss when to use line graphs (data over time).
 - **Data Collection:**
 - Use existing data or simulate data (e.g., daily temperatures).
 - **Graphing Activity:**
 - Plot data points and draw line graphs.
- **Assessment:**
 - Correct plotting of data.
 - Understanding of trends shown in graphs.

Week 10: Measures of Central Tendency

Lesson 5: Understanding Mean

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Explanation:**
 - Define mean as the average of a set of numbers.
 - **Practice Problems:**
 - Calculate the mean using sample data sets.

- **Real-World Application:**
 - Discuss how averages are used (e.g., grades, sports statistics).
- **Assessment:**
 - Accuracy in calculations.
 - Ability to explain the concept.

Lesson 6: Median and Mode

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Instruction:**
 - Define median as the middle value and mode as the most frequent value.
 - **Activities:**
 - Find median and mode in various data sets.
 - **Comparison:**
 - Discuss when each measure is most appropriate.
- **Assessment:**
 - Correct identification of median and mode.
 - Understanding of their uses.

Lesson 7: Range and Data Variability

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Concept Introduction:**
 - Define range as the difference between the highest and lowest values.
 - **Practice:**
 - Calculate range in sample data.
 - **Discussion:**
 - Explore how range indicates data spread.
- **Assessment:**
 - Accuracy in calculating range.
 - Ability to interpret data variability.

Lesson 8: Applying Central Tendency Measures

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Data Analysis Project:**
 - Use collected class data to compute mean, median, mode, and range.
 - **Interpretation:**
 - Write short summaries explaining what the measures reveal about the data.
- **Assessment:**
 - Correct computations.
 - Insightfulness in interpretations.

Week 11: Data Analysis and Probability

Lesson 9: Interpreting Data

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Analyzing Graphs:**
 - Examine various graphs and charts to interpret data.
 - **Critical Thinking:**
 - Identify any misleading elements or biases in data presentation.
 - **Class Discussion:**
 - Share findings and discuss the importance of accurate data representation.
- **Assessment:**
 - Ability to critically analyze graphs.
 - Participation in discussions.

Lesson 10: Introduction to Probability

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Concept Explanation:**
 - Define probability as the likelihood of an event occurring.
 - **Simple Experiments:**
 - Use coin tosses, dice rolls, or spinner games to explore probability.
 - **Recording Outcomes:**
 - Collect data from experiments and calculate probabilities.
- **Assessment:**
 - Correct calculation of probabilities.
 - Understanding of probability concepts.

Lesson 11: Predicting Outcomes

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Theoretical vs. Experimental Probability:**
 - Compare expected probabilities with actual outcomes.
 - **Activities:**
 - Conduct more trials to see how results converge to theoretical probabilities.
 - **Graphing Results:**
 - Create bar graphs to visualize outcomes.
- **Assessment:**
 - Accurate data collection and graphing.
 - Ability to explain discrepancies.

Lesson 12: Probability in Real Life

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Discussion:**
 - Explore how probability is used in weather forecasting, games, risk assessment.
 - **Problem-Solving:**
 - Solve real-world probability problems.
 - **Group Activity:**
 - Design a simple game of chance and calculate the odds.
- **Assessment:**
 - Application of probability to practical situations.
 - Creativity in game design.

Week 12: Culminating Project and Review

Lesson 13: Data Collection Project

- **Duration:** Multiple sessions totaling 120 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Project Assignment:**
 - Choose a topic of interest (e.g., plant growth, daily steps, favorite books) and collect data over a set period.
 - **Data Organization:**
 - Organize data into tables and charts.
 - **Graph Creation:**
 - Represent data using appropriate graphs.
- **Assessment:**
 - Consistency in data collection.
 - Accuracy in data representation.

Lesson 14: Analyzing and Presenting Data

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Data Analysis:**
 - Calculate mean, median, mode, and range.
 - **Interpretation:**
 - Write a report summarizing findings and insights.
 - **Presentation Preparation:**
 - Develop a presentation to share the project with the class.
- **Assessment:**
 - Depth of analysis.
 - Quality of written report.

Lesson 15: Project Presentations

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Presentation Day:**
 - Students present their data projects to the class.
 - **Q&A Session:**
 - Answer questions and discuss findings.
- **Assessment:**
 - Clarity and professionalism in presentations.
 - Ability to engage the audience.

Lesson 16: Unit Review and Assessment

- **Duration:** 60 minutes
- **Activities:**
 - **Review Activities:**
 - Play review games or complete practice problems covering all unit topics.
 - **Unit Test:**
 - Written assessment including data interpretation, graphing, and probability.
- **Assessment:**
 - Performance on the unit test.
 - Participation in review activities.

Ongoing Assessments Throughout Unit

- **Homework Assignments:** Regular practice with data and probability problems.
- **Quizzes:** Short assessments after key lessons to monitor understanding.
- **Class Participation:** Engagement in discussions and activities.

Standards Alignment

- **CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.MD.B.2:** Represent and interpret data using graphs.
- **CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.OA.B.3:** Analyze patterns and relationships.
- **CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.NBT.A.4:** Use place value understanding to round decimals.
- **CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.5.NF.B.7:** Apply and extend previous understandings of division to divide unit fractions.
- **CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP2:** Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- **CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP4:** Model with mathematics.

Additional Notes for Educators

- **Differentiation:**
 - Provide additional support or extension activities based on individual student needs.

- Use flexible grouping for collaborative projects.
- **Integration Opportunities:**
 - Incorporate literacy by having students write about their data findings.
 - Connect units to real-world events or current issues.
- **Technology Use:**
 - Utilize graphing software or online tools for data representation.
 - Encourage responsible use of technology during research.
- **Parental Involvement:**
 - Invite parents to attend presentations or contribute to projects.
 - Share resources for continued learning at home.
- **Assessment Strategies:**
 - Use formative assessments to inform instruction.
 - Provide timely and constructive feedback to promote growth.