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## Earth 15 Types of Models

There are an almost limitless number of types of models. Listed elsewhere at Honeycutt Science, students can discover a variety of model-types used across the natural sciences. In recent years, a robust set of digital and math-based models have been developed to better understand Earth. An example is The Earth System Modeling Framework (ESMF), ESMF is open-source software for building climate, numerical weather prediction, data assimilation, and other Earth science software applications. This topic explores the variety of model-types, and examines specific model opportunities to better understand Earth. (topic) Does this paragraph mention, describe, imply, refer to, or convey:

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Circle the number which BEST represents the paragraph? (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7).

*Why did you choose this number? >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Components of Activity

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## Earth 15& Earth 16

**WHAT THIS ACTIVITY IS ABOUT:** This activity is about cross-cutting concepts in science.

*Crosscutting Concepts represent common themes that span across science disciplines. These concepts identify universal properties and processes found in all the science disciplines.*

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

**1. Briefly scan through each paragraph before starting.**

**2. Carefully read the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Underline and/or circle key ideas and words.**

*Circle either YES or NO for each of the cross-cutting concepts on that page that apply.*

**3. Carefully read the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Underline and/or circle key ideas and words.**

*Circle either YES or NO for each of the cross-cutting concepts on that page that apply*

**4. Return to the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Write a brief response for each cross cutting concept marked YES.**

*At bottom of page, circle the number of the cross-cutting concept which BEST fits the paragraph.*

**5. Return to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Write a brief response for each cross cutting concept marked YES.**

*At bottom of page, circle the number of the cross-cutting concept which BEST fits the paragraph.*

**6. At the bottom of each page, describe WHY you selected that cross-cutting concept as the BEST fit.**

**7. Complete a VENN diagram on the back page for the two topic paragraphs.**

**8. Write a 50 word essay. Summarizing your discoveries, ideas, and conclusions about the paragraphs.**



## Earth 15 Types of Models

There are an almost limitless number of types of models. Listed elsewhere at Honeycutt Science, students can discover a variety of model-types used across the natural sciences. In recent years, a robust set of digital and math-based models have been developed to better understand Earth. An example is The Earth System Modeling Framework (ESMF), ESMF is open-source software for building climate, numerical weather prediction, data assimilation, and other Earth science software applications. This topic explores the variety of model-types, and examines specific model opportunities to better understand Earth. (topic) Does this paragraph mention, describe, imply, refer to, or convey:

1. (YES) (NO) any **patterns**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. (YES) (NO) any **cause and effect**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. (YES) (NO) a **quantity, numeric scale, or proportion**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. (YES) (NO) a **system, or organized structure**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. (YES) (NO) about **energy or matter**? (*Especially flows, cycles, and conservation*)?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. (YES) (NO) the **structure or function** of something?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. (YES) (NO) concepts of **stability and/or change**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Circle the number which BEST represents the paragraph? (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7).

*Why did you choose this number? >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Earth 14 Map Interpretation

Broadly, map analysis is a study is made regarding map types (which could include geologic maps, isopach maps, contour lines etc.), and the unique physical qualities of a map such as scale, title, and legend. It is also a ways of decoding the message and symbols of map and placing it within its proper context. A map is an image of an area, usually of the Earth or part of the Earth. A map is different from an aerial photograph because it includes interpretation. The word “map” can also be used to talk about a chart or drawing that shows relationships between ideas, people, events, or anything else you can think about. People who make maps are cartographers. (topic) Does this paragraph mention, describe, imply, refer to, or convey:

1. (YES) (NO) any **patterns**?  
in what way >> \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. (YES) (NO) any **cause and effect**?  
in what way >> \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. (YES) (NO) a **quantity, numeric scale, or proportion**?  
in what way >> \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. (YES) (NO) a **system, or organized structure**?  
in what way >> \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. (YES) (NO) about **energy or matter**? (*Especially flows, cycles, and conservation*)?  
in what way >> \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. (YES) (NO) the **structure or function** of something?  
in what way >> \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. (YES) (NO) concepts of **stability and/or change**?  
in what way >> \_\_\_\_\_  
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Circle the number which BEST represents the paragraph? (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7).

Why did you choose this number? >> \_\_\_\_\_  
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