

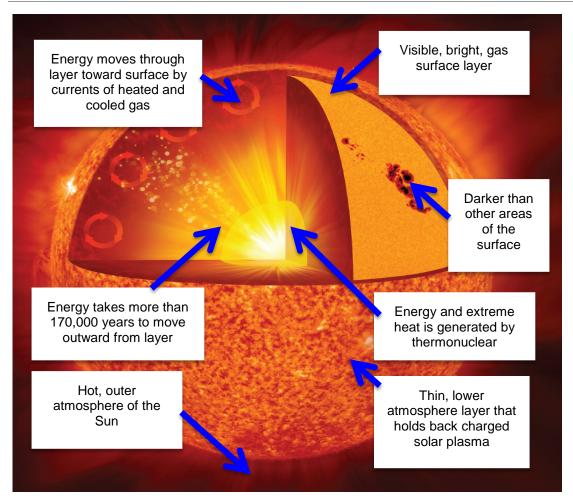
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Solar Dynamics Observatory Pre & Post Assessment	
□ Pre Assessment or □ Post Assessment (check one)	
Instructions: Read each question and select the correct resp	oonse(s).



- 1. _____ is the primary source of energy that sustains life on Earth.
- o The Earth's core
- o Fossil fuel
- o The Water Cycle
- o The Sun







- 2. Correctly match each part of the Sun (letter) with its description:
 - A. Chromosphere
 - B. Convective Zone
 - C. Corona
 - D. Inner Core

- E. Photosphere
- F. Radiative Zone
- G. Sunspots

Letter	Part of Sun Description			
	Energy takes more than 170,000 years to move outward from layer			
	Darker than other areas of the Sun's surface			
	Visible, bright, gas surface layer			
	Hot atmosphere of the Sun			
	Thin, lower atmosphere layer that holds back charged solar plasma			
	Energy moves through layer toward surface by currents of heated and			
	cooled gas			
	Energy and extreme heat is generated by thermonuclear reactions			



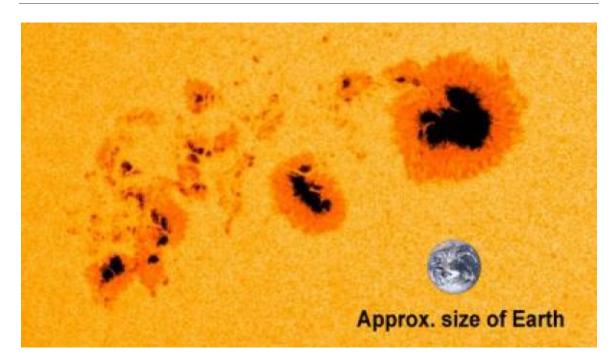




- 3. The Sun contains about 99% of all the mass in the Solar System; the planets and all other naturally occurring space objects consist of only 1% of its mass. Choose the statement that explains why planets, asteroids, and comets orbit the Sun:
- The greater the mass of an object, the greater its force of gravity on other objects.
- The smaller the mass of an object, the greater its force of gravity on other objects.
- The greater the mass of an object, the lower its force of gravity on other objects.
- The smaller the mass of an object, the lower its force of gravity on other objects.

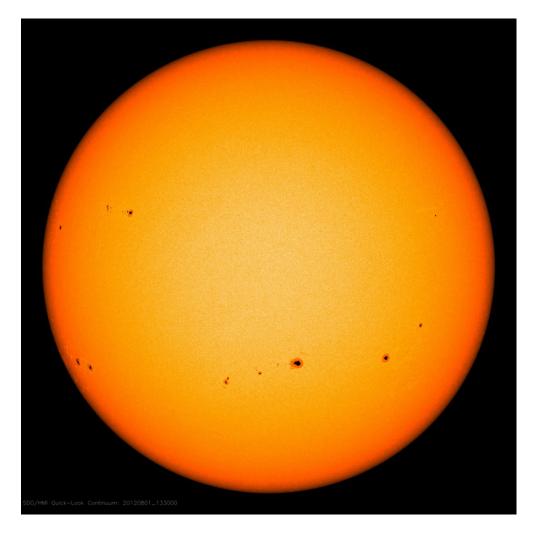






- 4. Sunspots appear dark because they are _____ than the surrounding surface area of the sun.
- o hotter
- o cooler
- o less active
- o made of different material



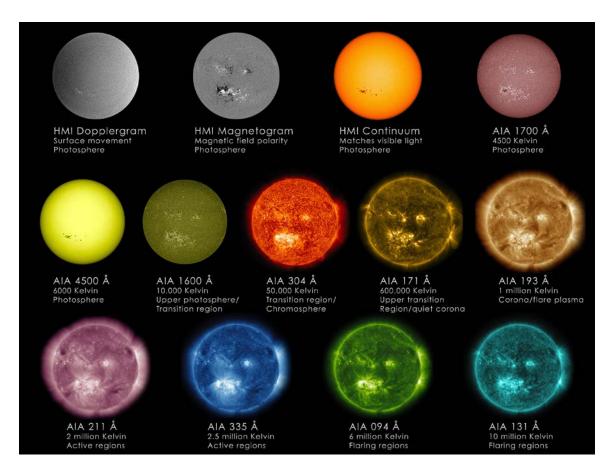


5. Sunspots

- float in the atmosphere just above the Sun's surface and indicate the direction of the solar winds.
- o are located on the Sun's surface and have magnetic fields with opposite polarities (+ and -), similar to a magnet.
- are located just below the Sun's surface in the convection zone, which causes their movement.
- are imperfections on the Sun's surface and indicate stable regions inside the Sun.

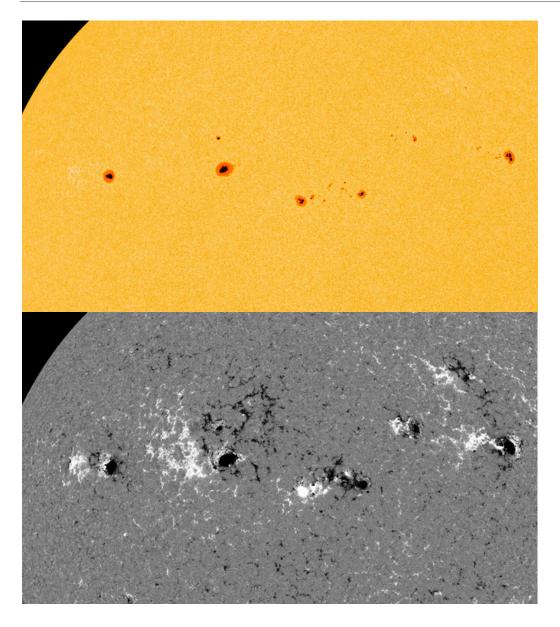






- 6. The Electromagnetic Spectrum represents different electromagnetic radiation wavelengths of _____.
- light energy
- o mechanical energy
- sound energy
- o chemical energy

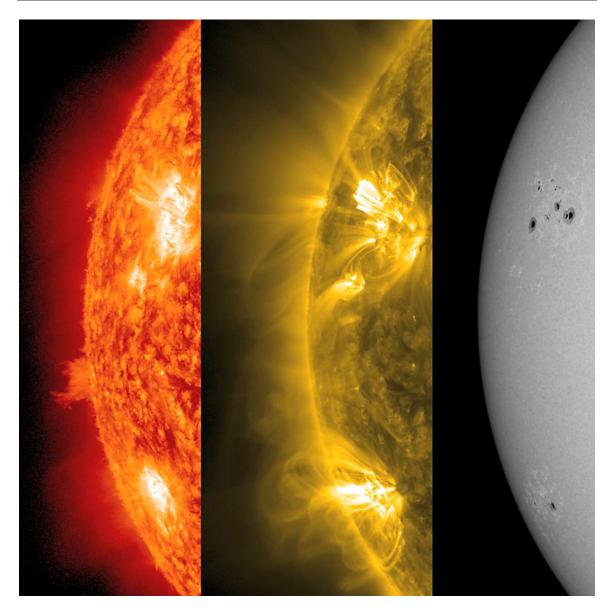




- 7. The size and amount of sunspots on the Sun are directly related to its level of solar activity.
- o True
- o False
- o Do Not Know



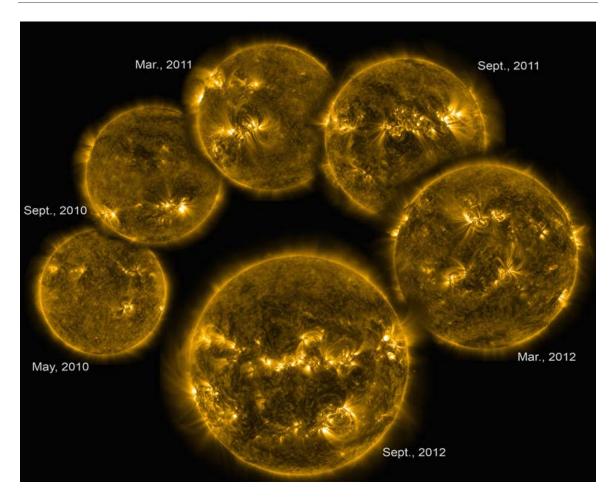




- 8. The Solar Cycle occurs about every 22 years and consists of an 11-year solar maximum and an 11-year solar minimum.
- o Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- o Do Not Know
- o Somewhat Agree
- o Strongly Agree



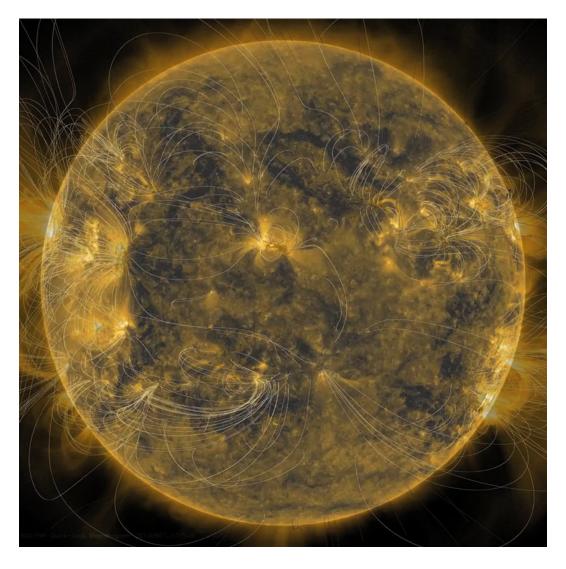




- 9. Which of the following situations occur on the Sun during its solar maximum?
- Lowest amount of sunspots and solar activity, magnetic poles are stable
- Lowest amount of sunspots and solar activity, magnetic poles exchange places
- Greatest amount of sunspots and solar activity, magnetic poles exchange places
- Greatest amount of sunspots and solar activity, magnetic poles are stable

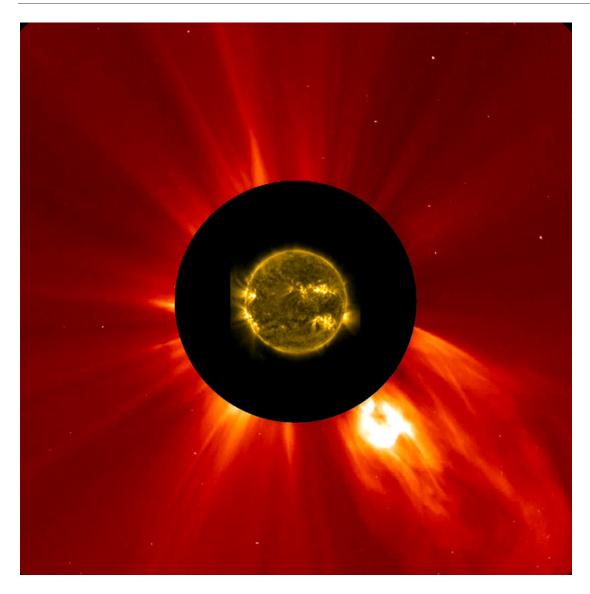






- 10. Solar activity (including sunspots) is caused by _____.
- o electrical currents flowing inside the Sun
- heat from the Sun's core being released at the surface of the Sun
- o the change in density between the Sun's core and its surface
- o changes in the magnetic field of the Sun

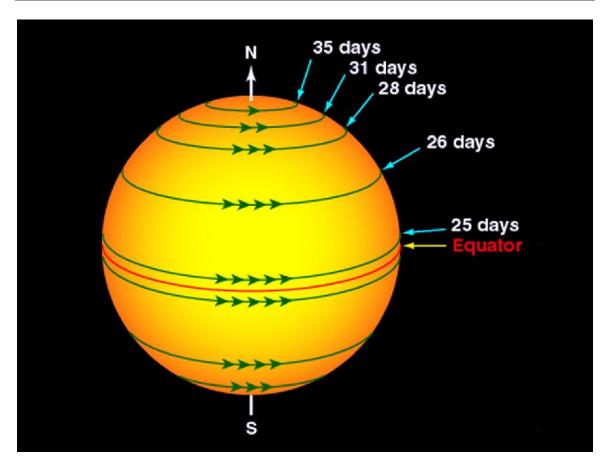




- 11. The two sources of solar activity that are the main cause of solar storms and Space Weather are (select two answers):
- Solar Flares
- o Coronal Loops
- o Solar Wind

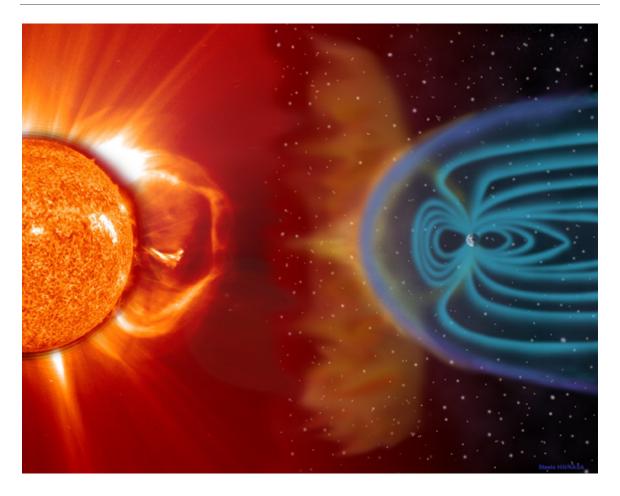
- o Coronal Streamers
- Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)





- 12. The Sun rotates faster at its equator than at its poles, which causes the Sun's magnetic field lines to become twisted and stressed beyond their limits. The magnetic field lines then release huge amounts of energy through solar activity, which can cause solar storms that affect Earth.
- o True
- o False
- Do Not Know

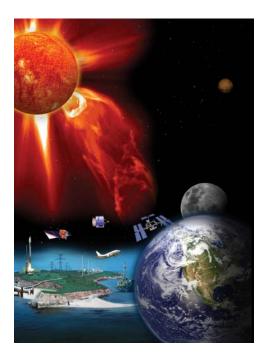




- 13. The magnetosphere _____.
- is the protective layer of the Earth's atmosphere that can absorb harmful electromagnetic radiation from X-rays, and Gamma rays
- is the magnetic force located inside of Earth that drives plate tectonics
- is the magnetic field that surrounds Earth and protects it from charged particle radiation released from solar storms that are carried by the solar wind
- is the magnetic field that extends from the surface of the Earth to the surface of the Moon



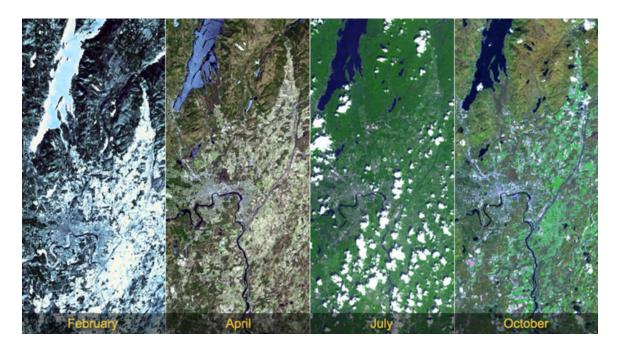




- 14. It is important to improve our understanding of Space Weather because Space Weather that reaches Earth can (select all that apply):
- Cause surges in power grids that can result in power outages and blackouts in our electricity supply
- Disrupt our navigation and communication systems (e.g., aircraft, GPS, cell phones, ATMs)
- Cause colorful auroras often seen in the polar latitudes (Aurora Borealis in the Northern Hemisphere and Aurora Australis in the Southern Hemisphere)
- Harm astronauts in space (high-energy radiation exposure to xrays and gamma rays)
- Damage sensitive electronics on orbiting spacecraft (e.g., satellites, space telescopes)
- None of the above







- 15. The _____ is the cause of seasons on Earth.
- o change in the distance between the Earth and the Sun
- o tilt of Earth's axis
- o change in the amount of released energy from the Sun
- o change in the amount of clouds

End of Assessment



Appendix B: Rubrics

Names:	Date:	Date:		
SDO Solar Module Activity Ru Teacher & Student Co-Assessment	ıbric			
Solar Module Activity (circle one):	1A	1B	1C	
	2A	2B	2C	
	3A	3B	3C	

	1. Completes all the items of the activity.
_	2. Demonstrates in-depth knowledge of activity content.
	3. All evidence of learning (questions, artifacts, and/or graphs, etc.)
4	completed accurately.
_	4. Uses complete sentences. No mistakes in spelling, punctuation,
Advanced	or capitalization.
	5. Very neatly written or typed.
	1. Completes most of the items of the activity.
_	2. Demonstrates proficient knowledge of activity content.
9	3. All evidence of learning (questions, artifacts, and/or graphs, etc.)
	completed proficiently.
	4. Uses complete sentences most of the time. Few mistakes in
Proficient	spelling, punctuation or capitalization.
	5. Writes neatly.
	1. Completes some of the items of the activity.
	2. Demonstrates partially proficient knowledge of activity content.
	3. All evidence of learning (questions, artifacts, and/or graphs, etc.)
_	partially completed.
Partially	4. Uses complete sentences some of the time. Several mistakes in
Proficient	spelling, punctuation or capitalization.
Proficient	5. Writes fairly neatly.
	1. Completes few or none of the items of the activity.
_	2. Demonstrates below proficient knowledge of activity content.
4	3. All evidence of learning (questions, artifacts, graphs, etc.)
	incomplete.
	4. Uses many incomplete sentences. Mistakes in spelling,
Unsatisfactory	punctuation, and capitalization interfere with meaning.
	5. Illegible writing.

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Module 4: SDO Exploration Museum Teacher Assessment: Content & Exhibit Rubric

Expectation	4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Partially Proficient	1 Unsatisfactory
Topic & Content Accuracy 40% points	Exhibit demonstrates advanced understanding of content. Topic and content are thoroughly explained with more than 4 details in one complete paragraph per exhibit section. All facts are accurate. 4 or more sources and/or links cited per section.	Exhibit demonstrates proficient understanding of content. Topic and content are explained with 3-4 details in one complete paragraph per exhibit section. May have 1-2 inaccurate facts. 3 sources and/or links cited per section.	Exhibit demonstrates basic understanding of content. Topic and content are adequately explained with 1-2 details in a short paragraph per exhibit section. May have 3-4 inaccurate facts. 2 sources and/or links cited per section.	Exhibit demonstrates limited understanding of content. Topic and content are minimally explained without details in an incomplete paragraph per exhibit section. More than 4 inaccurate facts. 0-1 sources and/or links cited per section.
Exhibit Elements & Design 25% points	Exceptional formatting and organization of information, enables self-directed visitors. 3 graphics/images with descriptions per section. 3 total complete and functional artifacts or demonstrations with descriptions. Exhibit checklist is complete and accurate.	Proficient formatting and well-organized information, curators easily guide visitors through exhibit. 2-3 graphics/images with descriptions per section. 3 total artifacts or demonstrations. Exhibit checklist has 1-2 errors.	Adequate formatting and organization of information, curators guide visitors with difficulty through exhibit. 1-2 graphics/images without descriptions per section. 1-2 total artifacts or demonstrations. Exhibit checklist has 3-4 errors.	No formatting and organization of information, curators are confused and unable to guide visitors through exhibit. No graphics/images per section. 0-1 total incomplete artifacts or demonstrations. Exhibit checklist has more than 4 errors.
Exhibit Creativity & Innovation 20% points	Exhibit information is presented through highly engaging, multisensory methods. Interactive media and hands-on resources are used to effectively communicate exhibit content.	Exhibit information is presented using original and unique methods. Utilizes a variety of resources to accurately communicate exhibit content.	Exhibit information is presented primarily through a "cut and paste" method. Limited evidence of originality to communicate exhibit content.	Exhibit is plagiarized or incomplete.
Writing Mechanics 15% points	All capitalization, mechanics, punctuation, and spelling are correct after self-check and peer edits.	Total of 1-3 capitalization, mechanics, punctuation, and/or spelling errors after self-check and peer edits.	Total of 4-6 capitalization, mechanics, punctuation, and/or spelling errors after self-check and peer edits.	More than 6 capitalization, mechanics, punctuation, and/or spelling errors after self-check and peer edits.





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Module 4: SDO Exploration Museum

Student Assessment: Group Self-Evaluation Rubric

Expectation	4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Partially Proficient	1 Unsatisfactory
Quality of Learning & Project Work 25% points	Quality and depth of activity and exhibit work is in-depth, accurate, and exceeds expectations. All work thoroughly completed neatly and legibly with attention to detail. Meets the "Advanced" criteria of the Content & Exhibit Rubric.	Quality of activity and exhibit work is accurate and achieves expectations. All work completed neatly and legibly. Meets the "Proficient" criteria of the Content & Exhibit Rubric.	Quality of activity and exhibit work is mainly accurate and partially meets expectations. Most work completed neatly and legibly. Meets the "Partially Proficient" criteria of the Content & Exhibit Rubric.	Quality of activity and exhibit work is mainly inaccurate and does not meet expectations. Most work not completed neatly or legibly. Meets the "Unsatisfactory" criteria of the Content & Exhibit Rubric.
Project & Time Management 25% points	Team is consistently prepared, focused, on time and on task with completing activity and exhibit work. Project materials are carefully maintained and always accessible by all team members.	Team is frequently prepared, focused, on time and on task with completing activity and exhibit work. Project materials are responsibly maintained and are regularly accessible by all team members.	Team is occasionally prepared, focused, on time and on task with completing activity and exhibit project work. Project materials are somewhat maintained and are usually accessible by all team members.	Team is not prepared or focused, wastes time and off task with completing activity and exhibit work. Project materials are not maintained or accessible by all team members.
Team Effort 25% points	Consistently contribute best effort towards achieving group goals. Always willing to accept and complete assigned project tasks. Group completes fair share of work and supports each other in completing work.	Frequently contribute full effort towards achieving group goals. Regularly willing to accept and complete assigned project tasks. Group completes fair share of work.	Occasionally contribute full effort towards achieving group goals. Sometimes willing to accept and complete assigned project tasks. Group usually completes fair share of work.	Does not contribute full effort towards achieving group goals. Never willing to accept and complete assigned project tasks. Group does not share workload.
Team Cooperation & Respect 25% points	Group consistently works as a team in a positive manner. Team always respects the opinions of others, solves problems constructively, and fully supports group decisions. Never distracts other teams.	Group frequently worked as a team in a positive manner. Team generally respects the opinions of others, solves problems politely, and frequently supports group decisions. Rarely distracts other teams.	Group occasionally works as a team in a positive manner. Team sometimes respects the opinions of others, solves problems with some arguing, and usually supports group decisions. Sometimes distracts other teams.	Group does not work together as a team in a positive manner. Team does not respect opinions of others, solves problems with constant arguing, and does not support group decisions. Always distracts other teams.







Names:	Date:
Module 4: SDO Exploration Museum Teacher Assessment: SDO Exploration Museum:	3-D Solar Exhibit Presentation Rubric
Exhibit Presentation Checklist:	

١.	Prepare exhibit display, artifacts and demonstrations as a team.
2.	Practice individual exhibit display descriptions (curator parts) and demonstrations.
3.	Practice curator parts and demonstrations together as a team.
4.	Practice speaking clearly, appropriate body language and eye contact as curators.
5.	Set-up team exhibit for museum event.
6.	Remain in curator mode for museum visitors during event.
7.	Clean-up team exhibit after museum event.

Total points earned (cumulative value of above points): _____/28 points

	4 Has subtlet display descriptions meanwhised
	1. Has exhibit display descriptions memorized.
/	2. Stays in curator mode.
	3. Uses 3 or more artifacts or demonstrations.
	4. Speaks clearly and distinctly.
Advanced	5. Uses appropriate body posture and eye contact.
	1. Has most of display descriptions memorized.
7	2. Stays in curator mode for most of museum visit.
. 3	3. Uses at least two artifacts or demonstrations.
	4. Usually speaks clearly and distinctly.
Proficient	5. Uses appropriate body posture and eye contact most of the time.
	1. Has limited amount of exhibit display descriptions memorized.
7	2. Often out of curator mode.
	3. Uses one artifact or demonstration.
	4. Speaks clearly and distinctly some of the time.
Partially Proficient	5. Uses appropriate body posture and eye contact some of the time.
	1. Does not have exhibit display descriptions memorized.
1	2. Not in or out of curator mode for most of museum visit.
	3. No artifacts or demonstrations.
	4. Speaks too softly or not distinctly.
Unsatisfactory	5. Uses inappropriate body posture or no eye contact.

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SDO Solar Modules NGSS Physical Sciences		NGSS Middle School (6-8) Standards			
		MS-PS2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	MS-PS4 Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Trans		
SDO Solar	Solar Module		Disciplinary Core Ide	eas	
Module Topics	Activity Objectives	PS2.B: Types of Interactions	PS4.A: Wave Properties	PS4.B: Electromagnetic Radiation	
Module 1 What are the features of the Sun?	A. Structure of the Sun B. Observing the Sun C. Light Energy			1C (MS-PS4-2)	
Module 2 How and why do we study the Sun?	A. Electromagnetic Spectrum B. Magnetism C. Spectroscopy	2A (MS-PS2-3) 2B (MS-PS2-3) 2B (MS-PS2-5)	2A (MS-PS4-1) 2C (MS-PS4-1)	2A (MS-PS4-2) 2C (MS-PS4-2)	
Module 3 How does the Sun affect the Earth?	A. Cause of Seasons B. Space Weather C. Magnetosphere	3A (MS-PS2-4) 3B (MS-PS2-5) 3C (MS-PS2-5)			





SDO Solar M	odules	NGSS Middle School (6-8) Standards					
NGSS Earth and Sp	MS-ESS1 Earth's F	MS-ESS3 Earth and Human Activity					
	Solar Module	Disciplinary Core Ideas					
SDO Solar Module Topics	Activity Objectives	ESS1.A: The Universe and Its Stars	ESS1.B: Earth and the Solar System	ESS3.B: Natural Hazards			
Module 1 What are the features of the Sun?	A. Structure of the Sun B. Observing the Sun C. Light Energy	1B (MS-ESS1-1)	1A (MS-ESS1-3) 1C (MS-ESS1-3)				
Module 2 How and why do we study the Sun?	A. Electromagnetic Spectrum B. Magnetism C. Spectroscopy						
Module 3 How does the Sun affect the Earth?	A. Cause of Seasons B. Space Weather C. Magnetosphere	3A (MS-ESS1-1)	3A (MS-ESS1-1)	3B (MS-ESS3-2) 3C (MS-ESS3-2)			





SDO Solar Modules

NGSS Science and Engineering Practices

SDO Solar Module Topics		Solar Module Activity Objectives	Asking Questions and Defining Problems	Developing and Using Models	Planning and Carrying Out Investigations	Analyzing and Interpreting Data	Using Mathematics and Computational Skills	Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions	Engaging in Argument from Evidence	Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information
Module 1	A.	Structure of the Sun	Х	Х		Х	Х			Х
What are the features	B.	Observing the Sun	Х		Х	X	Х	X	Х	Х
of the Sun?	C.	Light Energy	Х	Х	X		Х			Х
Module 2	A.	Electromagnetic Spectrum	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х
How and why do we	B.	Magnetism	X	X	Х	X	Х			Х
study the Sun?	Ċ.	Spectroscopy	X		Х	X	Х			Х
Module 3	A.	Causes of Seasons	Х	X				X	Х	Х
How does the Sun affect the Earth?	B.	Space Weather	Х		Х	Х		X	Х	Х
	C.	Magnetosphere	Х		Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х





SDO Solar Modules NGSS Crosscutting Concepts

SDO Solar Module Topics	Solar Module Activity Objectives	Patterns	Cause and Effect: Mechanism and Prediction	Scale, Proportion, and Quantity	Systems and System Models	Energy and Matter: Flows, Cycles and Conservation	Structure and Function	Stability and Change
Module 1	A. Structure of the Sun			X	X		Х	
What are the features of the	B. Observing the Sun	Х	X	X				Х
Sun?	C. Light Energy			Х	Х	Х		
Module 2	A. Electromagnetic Spectrum	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х
How and why do we study the	B. Magnetism	Х	Х		Х			Х
Sun?	C. Spectroscopy	Х		Х		х		
Module 3	A. Causes of Seasons		Х		Х		Х	Х
How does the Sun affect the	B. Space Weather	Х	Х			Х		Х
Earth?	C. Magnetosphere	Х	X	X				Х





Module 1:

Intro to SDO Video http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/animations/item/249 SDO Science Overview Video http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/animations/item/255 The Sun's Energy Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/1/2/ Colors of the Sun Video http://solar-center.stanford.edu/colors/

Sun Comparison Activities http://solar-center.stanford.edu/compare/
Sun|Trek Fact-ary http://www.suntrek.org/factary/factary.shtml

Sun Origami Model http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/education-and-outreach

Solar Space Telescopes Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/3/2/

Sunspot Quiz http://solar-center.stanford.edu/quizzes/sunspot_quiz_flash.html

How to Safely View the Sun Video http://multiverse.ssl.berkeley.edu/Learning-Resources/Multiverse-in-the-Movies

Module 2:

SDO AIA Video http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/animations/item/254 SDO EVE Video http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/animations/item/253 EM Spectrum Tour http://missionscience.nasa.gov/ems/01_intro.html The Sun & EM Spectrum Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/3/1/

How to Use Helioviewer Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/3/3/

User Guide for Helioviewer http://wiki.helioviewer.org/wiki/Helioviewer.org_User_Guide_2.4.0

Helioviewer Activity http://helioviewer.org/

The Dynamic Sun Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/1/3/ SDO HMI Video http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/animations/item/252 Solar System Magnetism http://nasawayelength.org/resource/nw-000-000-003-158/

Spectroscopy in Action Video http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/topnav/schedule/programdescriptions/Eclips Neon Lights 9-12.html

Spectroscopy Explained http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/deepimpact/science/spectroscopy.cfm Graphing the Rainbow Activity http://lasp.colorado.edu/home/education/K-12/project-spectra/

Module 3:

Our World: Sunsets and Atmosphere http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/nasaeclips/search.html?terms=sunsets and atmosphere

Launchpad: Aurora Lights http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/nasaeclips/search.html?terms=Aurora Lights

Real World: Monitoring Earth's Energy Budget What is the tilt of Earth's Axis? http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/nasaeclips/search.html?terms=earth%27s energy budget http://www.suntrek.org/earth-beyond/spinning-orbiting-earth/what-causes-seasons/watch-tilt.shtml

Why are days longer in the summer?
Why are days hotter in the summer?
Why are there four seasons on Earth?
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What causes the seasons? http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/seasons/en/
Solar Wind and Storms Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/2/1/
The Threat to Earth Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/2/3/

NOAA Space Weather Videos, Poster & Booklet http://origin-www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/education-and-outreach

Camilla Space Weather Forecast http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/swx/forecast.php
Earth's Magnetic Shield Video http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/sun/2/2/
NASA Space Weather Media Viewer http://sunearthday.nasa.gov/spaceweather/

Module 4:

Mysteries of the Sun Booklet & Videos http://missionscience.nasa.gov/sun/







SDO Module Answer Key References:

Some SDO Module activities are static and have answer keys provided in the curriculum downloads or via the adapted resource links, which are listed in the relevant SDO activities. Some SDO Module activities use real-time or near real-time data and therefore do not have keys since the results are data dependent.

SDO Modules:

1A (online solar investigation WS): key provided in download

1B (sunspot tracking): data dependent

1C (pinhole camera research activity) key available via adapted resource link NASA SDO Science of the Sun Secondary Science Learning Unit (pp. 21-26): http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/assets/docs/UnitPlanSecondary.pdf

2A (EM spectrum WS): key provided in download and (Helioviewer activity): data dependent

2B (solar magnetism) keys available via adapted resource links: http://sunearthday.nasa.gov/2007/materials/magnetic_field_lines.pdfhttp://cse.ssl.berkeley.edu/SegwayEd/lessons/exploring_magnetism/exploring_magnetism/index.html

2C (spectroscope research activity) key available via adapted resource link NASA SDO Science of the Sun Secondary Science Learning Unit (pp. 93-100): http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/assets/docs/UnitPlanSecondary.pdf

3A (seasons demonstration): key provided in download

3B (Camilla space weather website): data dependent

3C (magnetometer research activity) data dependent, adapted resource link: http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/activity/build-a-magnetometer/?ar a=4

4 (student-led summative assessment module): results are data dependent upon student project contents

