Forensic Science: Fundamentals & Investigations - Common Core Correlations

The correlation tables for the Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core Standards provide an initial basis for correlations between course content and standards. However, as each instructor will develop unique classroom instruction, these tables are a starting point for consideration. Specific application of specific standards will vary by each teacher and classroom situation.

Common Core Standard CCSS.ELA-Literacy, RI.9-12.1, which covers Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity, applies throughout the entire text. Specifically, by the end of grade 12, students will be able to read and comprehend literary nonfiction, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range, at the high end of the grades 11-CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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Correlations

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Chapter 1 Observation Skills

Introduction

What is Observation?

Digging Deeper with Forensic Science e-Collection

Observations by Witnesses

Eyewitness Accounts

The Innocence Projects

How to be a Good Observer

Digging Deeper with Forensic Science e-Collection

Observations in Forensics

What Forensic Scientists Do

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Careers in Forensics Paul Ekman

Chapter 1 Review

Activity 1-1 Learning to See

Activity 1-2 You're an Eyewitness!

Activity 1-3 What Influences Our Observations?

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 2 Crime-Scene Investigation and Evidence Collection

Introduction

Principles of Exchange

Types of Evidence

The Crime-Scene Investigation Team

The Seven S's of Crime-Scene Investigation

Securing the Scene

Separating the Witnesses

Scanning the Scene

Seeing the Scene

Sketching the Scene

Searching for Evidence

Securing and Collecting Evidence

Digging Deeper with Forensic Science e-Collection

Mapping the Outdoor Crime Scene

Analyzing The Evidence

Crime-Scene Reconstruction

Staged Crime Scenes

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Careers in Forensics *Crime Scene Investigator*

Chapter 2 Review

Activity 2-1 Locard's Exchange Principle

Activity 2-2 Crime-Scene Investigation

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HSG.SRT.C.6 Understand that by similarity, side ratios in right triangles are properties of the angles in the triangle, leading to definitions of trigonometric ratios for acute angles.

Chapter 3 Hair Analysis

Introduction

History of Hair Analysis

The Functions of Hair

The Structure of Human Hair

Cortex Variation

Types of Medulla

Types of Hair

Hair From Different Parts of the Body

Life Cycle of Hair

Treated Hair

Ethnic or Ancestral Differences

Animal Hair and Human Hair

Collecting Hair in an Investigation

Microscopy

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Hair Examination and Testing

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Careers in Forensics Chemical Researcher

Chapter 3 Review

Activity 3-1 Trace Evidence: Hair

Activity 3-2 Hair Measurement and Match

Activity 3-3 Hair Testimony Essay

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 4 The Study of Fibers and Textiles

Introduction

Collecting, Sampling and Testing Fiber Evidence Evaluating Fiber Evidence

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Fiber and Textile Evidence

Fiber Classification

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Yarns

Textiles

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Careers in Forensics Irene Good

Chapter 4 Review

Activity 4-1 Microscopic Fiber Analysis

Activity 4-2 Bedsheet Thread Count

Activity 4-3 Weave Pattern Analysis

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 5 Forensic Botany

Introduction

History of Forensic Botany

How Forensic Botany is Used to Solve Cases

Drowning Victims

Information from Gastric Contents

The Body Covered by Wilted Sunflowers

Secrets from a Grave

Botanical Crime-Scene Analysis

Searching for and Mapping Botanical Evidence

Botanical Evidence Collection

Pollen and Spores in Forensics

Pollen Producers

Gymnosperms

Angiosperms

Types of Pollination

Methods of Pollination

Seed Dispersal

Spore Producers

Spore Dispersal

Bacterial Spores: An Exception

Pollen and Spore Identification in Solving Crimes

Digging Deeper with Forensic Science e-Collection

Pollen and Spore Evidence at Crime Scenes Chapter Summary

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Careers in Forensics *Dr. Lynne Milne, Forensic Palynologist*

Chapter 5 Review

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to a Crime Scene

Activity 5-2 Pollen Expert Witness Presentation

Activity 5-3 Botanical Evidence Case Studies

Presentation

Activity 5-4 Processing a Crime Scene for Botanical

Evidence

Activity 5-5 Pollen Index

Activity 5-6 Isolating Pollen from Honey

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Chapter 6 Fingerprints

Introduction

Historical Development

What are Fingerprints?

Formation of Fingerprints

Classification of Fingerprints

Types of Fingerprints

Fingerprint Forensics FAQs

The Future of Fingerprinting

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Careers in Forensics Peter Paul Biro

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Activity 6-3 Studying Latent and Plastic Fingerprints

Activity 6-4 How to Print a Ten Card

Activity 6-5 Is It a Match?

Activity 6-6 Fingerprint Matching

Activity 6-7 Using Cyanoacrylate to Recover Latent

Fingerprints

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 7 DNA Profiling

Introduction

What is DNA?

Chromosomes

Genes

Digging Deeper with Forensic Science e-Collection

Collection and Preservation of DNA Evidence Forensic DNA and Personal Identification Early DNA Fingerprinting Using Gel Electrophoresis Short Tandem Repeats (STRs)

The FBI and the 13 Core STRs

Inheritance of STRs

DNA STR Profiles

STR Analysis

STR Allele Frequencies

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Y STR and mtDNA Analysis

Kinship and Familial Studies

Civil Liberties Concerns

Romanov Family Case Study Linking History and Forensics

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DNA and Forensic Science

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Careers in Forensics Kary Banks Mullis, Nobel Prize-Winning Biochemist

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Activity 7-1 Simple DNA Extraction

Activity 7-2 The Break-In

Activity 7-3 Anna Anderson or Anastasia? STR Analysis

Activity 7-4 STR Identification of September 11 Victim Activity 7-5 Identification of the Romanovs Using STR Profiling

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Chapter 8 Blood and Blood Spatter

Introduction

History of the Study of Blood

Composition of Blood

Blood Cells

Blood Types and Forensics

Antigen-Antibody Response

Probability and Blood Types

Blood-Spatter Patterns

History of Blood-Spatter Analysis

Blood-Spatter Pattern Analysis

Directionality of Blood

Bloodstain Patterns

Area of Convergence

Angle of Impact Calculations

Crime-Scene Investigation of Blood

Confirmation of Blood

Collection of Blood Evidence

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Careers in Forensics *Bloodstain Pattern Analyst* Chapter 8 Review

Activity 8-1 A Presumptive Test for Blood

Activity 8-2 Creating and Modeling Blood-Spatter Patterns

Activity 8-3 Blood-Spatter Analysis: Effect of Height on Blood Drops

Activity 8-4 Area of Convergence

Activity 8-5 Blood-Drop Angle Impact

Activity 8-6 Area of Origin

Activity 8-7 Crime-Scene Investigation

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HSN.VM.A.1 Recognize vector quantities as having both magnitude and direction. Represent vector quantities by directed line segments, and use appropriate symbols for vectors and their magnitudes.

HSG.SRT.C.7 Explain and use the relationship between the sine and the cosine of complementary angles.

Chapter 9 Forensic Toxicology

Introduction

Brief History of Toxicology

Evidence Detection, Collection and Storage

Evidence Testing and Reporting of Drugs, Poisons and Toxins

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Heavy Metals, Gases, Poisons and Toxins Lethal Gases and Lethal Injections

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Pesticides and Herbicides

Toxins

Drugs and Crime

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Five Schedules of Drugs

Illegal Drugs

Controlled Substances

Alcohol

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Careers in Forensics Dr. Don Catlin, Pharmacologist and Founder of Sports Drug Testing

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Activity 9-2 Should Medical Marijuana Be Legalized?

Activity 9-3 Drug Spot Test

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Chapter 10 Handwriting Analysis, Forgery and Counterfeiting

Introduction

Early Forensic Handwriting Analysis

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Handwriting Characteristics

Handwriting Analysis

Analyzing a Handwriting Sample

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Technology of Handwriting Analysis Handwriting Evidence in the Courtroom

Shortcomings of Handwriting Analysis

Forgery

Check Forgery

Literary Forgery

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Counterfeiting

Counterfeit Currency

Detecting Counterfeit Currency

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Careers in Forensics Lloyd Cunningham, Document Expert

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Activity 10-2 Analysis of Ransom Note and Expert Testimony

Activity 10-3 Examination of U.S. Currency: Is it Real or a Forgery?

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Chapter 11 Forensic Entomology

Introduction

How is Forensic Entomology Used Limitations of Forensic Entomology Forensic Entomologists

History of Forensic Entomology

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Insects and Decomposition

Decomposition

Blowflies or Bottle Flies

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House Flies, Flesh Flies and Coffin Flies Beetles and Other Insects of Decomposition

Estimating Postmortem Interval (PMI)

Blowfly Importance

Factors Affecting Development

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Processing a Crime Scene for Insect Evidence

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Careers in Forensics Dr. Neal Haskell

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Activity 11-1 How to Raise Blowflies for Forensic Entomology

Activity 11-2 Mini Projects for Forensic Entomology Activity 11-3 Observation of Living or Preserved Blowflies or Houseflies: Adult, Larvae and Pupae Activity 11-4 Factors Affecting Postmortem Interval Estimates and Accumulated Degree Hours

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HS-LS1-4 Use a model to illustrate the role of cellular division (mitosis) and differentiation in producing and maintaining complex organisms.

HS-PS3-4 Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics).

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Chapter 12 Death: Manner, Mechanism and Cause

Introduction

Manner

Cause and Mechanism of Death

Body Changes After Death

Algor Mortis

Livor Mortis

Rigor Mortis

Autopsy

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Postmortem Changes in the Eye

Stages of Decomposition

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Careers in Forensics Michael Baden

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Activity 12-1 Calculating Postmortem Interval Using Rigor Mortis

Activity 12-2 Calculating Postmortem Interval Using Algor Mortis

Activity 12-3 Tommy the Tub

Activity 12-4 Analysis of Evidence from Death Scenes

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HS-LS1-2 Develop and use a model to illustrate the hierarchical organization of interacting systems that provide specific functions within multicellular organisms.

HS-PS1-5 Apply scientific principles and evidence to provide an explanation about the effects of changing the temperature or concentration of the reacting particles on the rate at which a reaction occurs.

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 13 Soil Examination

Introduction

History of Forensic Soil Examination

Soil Composition

Soil Profiles

Sand

Aging and Rounding of Sand

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Mineral Composition of Sand

Sand Chemistry

Soil Evidence

Digging Deeper with Forensic Science e-Collection

Soil Evidence and Analysis

Finding Gravesites

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Careers in Forensics Forensic Geologists

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Activity 13-1 Examination of Soil

Activity 2-2 Soil Evidence Examination

Activity 13-3 Chemical and Physical Analysis of Soil

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HS-ETS1-2 Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.

HS-PS1-7 Use mathematical representations to support the claim that atoms, and therefore mass, are conserved during a chemical reaction.

HS-PS1-4 Develop a model to illustrate that the release or absorption of energy from a chemical reaction system depends upon the changes in total bond energy.

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 14 Forensic Anthropology

Introduction

Historical Development

Characteristics of Bone

Number and Development of Bones

Aging of Bones

Bones and Biological Profiles

How to Distinguish Males from Females

How to Estimate Height

How to Distinguish Ancestry

DNA Evidence

Skeletal Trauma Analysis

Skeletal Evidence Collection and Examination

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Careers in Forensics *Dr. Clyde Snow: The Bone Digger* Chapter 14 Review

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Activity 14-2 Bones: Male or Female?

Activity 14-3 Identifying the Romanovs: An Internet Activity

Activity 14-4 Estimation of Body Size from Individual Rones

Activity 14-5 What the Bones Tell Us

Activity 14-6 Height and Body Proportions

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 15 Glass Evidence

Introduction

What is Glass?

Types of Glass

Properties of Glass

Thickness

Density

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Collection and Documenting of Glass Evidence
Cleaning and Preparing Glass Evidence

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Chapter Summary

Case Studies

Careers in Forensics David Green

Chapter 15 Review

Activity 15-1 Glass Fracture Pattern Analysis

Activity 15-2 Glass Density

Activity 15-3 Approximating the Refractive Index of

Glass Using the Submersion Test

Activity 15-4 Determining the refractive Index of Liquids Using Snell's Law

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

HS-ETS1-2 Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.

HS-PS1-3 Plan and conduct an investigation to gather evidence to compare the structure of substances at the bulk scale to infer the strength of electrical forces between particles.

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HSA.CED.A.1 Create equations and inequalities in one variable and use them to solve problems. Include equations arising from linear and quadratic functions, and simple rational and exponential functions.

HSG.SRT.D.11 Understand and apply the Law of Sines and the Law of Cosines to find unknown measurements in right and non-right triangles (e.g., surveying problems, resultant forces).

Chapter 16 Casts and Impressions

Introduction

Types of Impressions

Individual or Class Evidence?

Shoe and Foot Impressions

Shoe Wear Patterns

Gait and Tracks

Collection of Shoe Impression Evidence

Foot Length, Shoe Size and Height

Tire Treads and Impressions

The Anatomy of a Tire

Recording Tread Impressions

Identifying a Vehicle

Establishing Car Movements

Accident Reconstruction

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Dental Impressions

Dental Patterns in Forensics

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Chapter Summary

Case Studies

Careers in Forensics Thomas Noguchi

Chapter 16 Review

Activity 16-1 Casting Plaster of Paris Impressions

Activity 16-2 Shoe Size, Foot Size and Height

Activity 16-3 Tire Impressions and Analysis

Activity 16-4 Vehicle Identification

Activity 16-5 Dental Impressions

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HSG.C.A.2 Identify and describe relationships among inscribed angles, radii, and chords. Include the relationship between central, inscribed, and circumscribed angles; inscribed angles on a diameter are right angles; the radius of a circle is perpendicular to the tangent where the radius intersects the circle

Chapter 17 Tool Marks

Introduction

Tools and Crime Scenes

Tool Marks

Indentation Marks

Abrasion Marks

Cutting Marks

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Tool Surface Characteristics

Tool Mark Evidence

Documenting the Evidence

Casting Impressions

Collecting and Preserving a Sample

Analyzing Tool-Mark Evidence

Tool-Mark Identification Technology

Tool-Mark Evidence in the Courtroom

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Chapter Summary

Case Studies

Careers in Forensics Dr. David P. Baldwin and Colleagues; Forensic Scientists and Tool Mark Experts

Chapter 17 Review

Activity 17-1 Tool Marks: Screwdrivers and Chisels

Activity 17-2 Hammers and Hammer Impressions

Activity 17-3 Casting Impressions of Hammer Strikes

on Wood in Silicone

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

HS-ETS1-2 Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.

HS-PS1-2 Construct and revise an explanation for the outcome of a simple chemical reaction based in the outermost electron states of atoms, trends in the periodic table, and knowledge of the patterns of chemical properties.

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Common Core (CCSS Mathematics)

Chapter 18 Firearms and Ballistics

Introduction

History of Gunpowder and Firearms

Long Guns and Handguns

Firearms and Rifling

Bullets and Cartridges

How a Firearm Works

Caliber of a Cartridge

Evidence from Bullets and Cartridges

Marks on Spent Cartridges

Gunshot Residue

Databases

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Bullet Testing

Trajectory

Gravity ad Trajectory

Using Trajectory to Estimate the Location of a Shooter

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NIST Standards

Chapter Summary

Case Studies

Careers in Forensics Firearms Examiner

Chapter 18 Review

Activity 18-1 Bullet Trajectory

Activity 18-2 Firing Pin Analysis

Activity 18-3 Describing the Appearance of a Fired

Projectile

Activity 18-4 How Good is Your Aim?

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

HS-ETS1-2 Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.

HS-PS2-1 Analyze data to support the claim that Newton's second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass and its acceleration.

1-PS4-1 Plan and conduct investigations to provide evidence that vibrating materials can make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate.

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HSG.SRT.C.8 Use trigonometric ratios and the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles in applied problems.

Capstone Projects

Project 1: Physical Evidence Case Studies

Project 2: Personal Evidence Portfolio

Project 3: How Reliable is the Evidence?

Project 4: Landmark Cases in Acceptance of Evidence

Project 5: Analysis of a Forensic Science TV Show Episode

Project 6: Forensic Dumpster Diving – What the Garbage Can Tell Us

Project 7: Forensic Science Career Exploration
Project 8: Mock Crime-Scene Development and

Procedures
Project 9: How to Read Calipers

Next Generation Science (NGSS)

HS-LS3-1 Ask questions to clarify relationships about the role of DNA and chromosomes in coding the instructions for characteristic traits passed from parents to offspring.

HS-LS3-3 Apply concepts of statistics and probability to explain variation and distribution of expressed traits in a population.

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