Grade 7 Storyline

Bundle		Suggested Pacing	Anchoring Phenomena	Scopes
1	Organisms and Nonliving Things are Made of Atoms	9 weeks	Do soil samples taken from a newly discovered planet provide enough evidence of life and natural resources to support future explorations of this planet?	Competition in Ecosystems Organism Interactions in Ecosystems Human Dependence on Natural Resources Structure of Matter Changes in Energy on the Molecular Level Heat and Matter
2	Matter Cycles and Energy Flows through Organisms and Rocks	11 weeks	How can humans successfully colonize Mars?	Characteristics of Chemical Reactions Physical and Chemical Properties Modeling Conservation of Mass Thermal Energy in Chemical Reactions Introduction to Photosynthesis Energy Flow in Organisms Earth Materials

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3	Natural Processes and Human Activities Shape Earth's Resources and Ecosystems	6 weeks	How will the movement of continents affect the matter and energy flow within the new ecosystems?	Relationship in Ecosystems Flow of Energy in Ecosystems Plate Tectonics Seafloor Spreading Organism Interactions in Ecosystems Competition in Ecosystems Human Dependence on Natural Resources Characteristics of Chemical Reactions Modeling Conservation of Mass
4	Sustaining Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in a Changing World	10 weeks	How will geoscience processes affect biodiversity in Sunnyville, California, 40 years from now?	Geoscience Processes