<u>Unit Overview - Layers of the Earth's Atmosphere</u>

| <ul> <li>Essential Questions</li> <li>How do the layers of Earth's atmosphere compare?</li> <li>What happens to the Earth's atmosphere as the altitude increases?</li> </ul>                       |                |  |                            |  | I totally get it I kinda get it I don't get it |  |
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| <ul> <li>What Came First:</li> <li>(5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Compare daily and temperature) and patterns.</li> </ul>  | season         | al changes in weather condit   | ions (including wind speed | and dire   | ction, precipitation, and                      |  |
| What Comes Next:  • (High School: Farth and Enviro   | nmenta         | Il Science) Summarize the str  | ucture and composition of  | our atm  | osnhere  |  |
| <ul> <li>(High School: Earth and Environmental Science) Summarize the structure and composition of our atmosphere.</li> </ul>  |                |  |                            |  |  |  |
| Enduring understanding   |                | Important to know and do   |                            |  | Worth being familiar with                      |  |
| □ Earth's atmosphere is divided into layers according to characteristics such as temperature and pressure □ Gases and temperatures change throughout the layers □ Earth's atmosphere supports life |                | □ Names and order of atmosphere layers □ Characteristics of each layer □ Explain how pressure changes with altitude □ Gases in atmosphere □ Air has weight |                            | □ Events that can cause sudden changes in atmosphere □ Shifts in atmosphere's temperature through Earth's history □ How pressure affects weather □ Water vapor is water in gas phase |  |  |
| Vocabulary to master   |                |  |                            |  |  |  |
| ☐ Altitude   | ☐ Stratosphere |  | ☐ Water vapor              |  | ☐ Exosphere                                    |  |
| ☐ Atmosphere   | ☐ Mesosphere   |  | ☐ Weather                  |  | □ Ionosphere                                   |  |
| Composition  | ☐ Thermosphere |  | ☐ Air pressure             |  | Pause  |  |
| ☐ Properties   | ☐ Troposphere  |  |                            |  |  |  |