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unacceptable Delta Education (K-8)

Name: Shanti Rao Child's grade level: 2, 4

Comments:

None of these choices are good.
Nat Geo - nice pictures, otherwise content - free
McGraw is erroneous ~~and~~ or misleading on every page.
Delta/Foss - full of errors (fewer than MGH) but reinforces common misconceptions throughout. Dangerous, ~~toys~~
STEMscopes - fluffy and patronizing, but not factually incorrect.
Amplify - well-considered ~~and~~ activities. Inquiry-based learning will lead to better retention of core concepts. But it's not actually a textbook, so there's not much information delivered.

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- 5 Delta Education (K-8)

Name: Jakob Konefat Child's grade level: 4th

Comments:

All of the books have good content, but
McGraw Hill may be better - i for 5th grade.
Best in content and organization.

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Name: Sheila Dunbar Child's grade level: 3+4

Comments:

Walking into this room, I liked STEMscopes best and Nat'l Geo 2nd. After looking at the actual materials, Nat'l Geo is much more approachable in the kids' and teacher materials. Inspire Science is uninspiring.

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Name: London Lawson Child's grade level: 1+5

Comments:

Nat Geo materials were the best quality and most engaging. Delta
has nice textbooks and probably the best student workbooks. The McGrawHill
and Amplify student textbooks felt underwhelming. McGraw chose to combine
workbooks with textbooks which I didn't like. The Amplify mini-books didn't
seem substantial compared to the other offerings

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Name: Lynette Arredian (PCY) Child's grade level: K & 4th

Comments:

After reviewing the 3 publishers I came to the conclusion that National Geographic had the best materials both in textbook format and online resources. It was also the most engaging to students. I didn't think Stemscopes and Inspire Science had organized and well put-together materials the textbooks were not complete and the information was not very catching.

Good luck to our awesome teachers!
Hope you agree on the best textbook/materials.

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Name: Jennifer Rocca Child's grade level: 4th

Comments:

- National Geo has great pictures - low on scientific content.
- STEMscope too "emotional," NOT science.
- MGH has offensively incorrect science content.
- also found errors (fewer) in Delta, but overall better.
- Best of the choices in Amplify - best use of hands-on tangible science to accompany the open-ended stuff.

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Name: _____

Matt Rocca

Child's grade level: _____

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Comments:

5s NOT OK. FACTUALLY WRONG THROUGHOUT.

1-2 OK.

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Name: Phuong Tran Child's grade level: 4

Comments:

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books. Most helpful.
It's all about content and presentation!

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Name: Stacey Boland Child's grade level: 3

Comments:

Either Delta or Amplify look ok. I can see how they can support a good grounding in Science consistent w standards. The other three are awful. National Geographic + Accelerate are embarrassingly bad. Found factual inaccuracies in McGraw Hill. - see for example pg. 19, Unit Just now. Please please please pick Delta or Amplify.... They're the "least bad" of these options.

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Name: Justin Bolan Child's grade level: 3

Comments:

Significant useful content in Delta Education and Amplify, ~~the~~ and the activities integrate well.

While Nat Geo has expected pretty pictures there is extremely little content on each 2-page lesson & factual inaccuracies. Inspire Accelerate Learning are skimpy on content too. Inspire confuses Engineer & Science.