

STEM School Chattanooga 11th Grade PBL Unit Plan Template

Unit Quarter: <u>3rd</u>



Title: Portable Hydroelectric Power Station

Learning Target Topics

Collaboration: Working with other people on a project or problem to achieve a shared goal.

Creative Thinking: Accessing, using, and applying information and knowledge.

Innovation: Using creative thinking to construct something new and valuable.

Grade Level	11 th Grade	Unit Length	9 Weeks
Industry	Professor Jenn Pascal, Tennessee Tech University		
Partner	Shayne Champion, Tennessee Valley Authority		
Unit	STEM student teams will design and fabricate a portable hydroelectric power station. Intended users include		
Overview	recreational campers, peoples in undeveloped countries, and victims of natural disasters in need of power.		
	Users may have various needs ranging from providing light to charging smartphones. For the school partner,		
	the focus is on the use of the engineering design process and modeling of fluid flows to produce a viable power		
	station. For the STEM School, the focus is on the innovation skills demonstrated by the student teams.		
Unit			
Essential	• Project : Design and fabricate a portable hydroelectric power station for various users and needs.		
Issue			
Kick Off	Kick Off: January 12th		
Event	Professor Pascal will explain the principles of fluid dynamics and modeling of fluid flow as a basis for		
	designing a viable portable hydroelectric power station. Mr. Champion will provide a walk-down tour of the		
	Chickamauga Dam and how it creates electricity.		
Culminating	Presentation Day: TBD (March 14th-18th)		
Events	The student teams will present their functioning hydroelectric power stations to the project sponsors. The		
	project sponsors will evaluate the designs and provide constructive feedback to the teams.		
Common	Students will be scored using the Association of American Colleges and Universities rubric for Creative		
Assessment	Thinking Skills. All 4's will equate to Advanced, scores of 3 and 4 will equate to Proficient, and any scores		
	below a 3 will equate to Below Basic.		
	Items that will be used to score student work:		
	• Assignments (Plans, weekly Prototype	Reports, Design Process Work P	roducts, etc.)
	Presentation		
	Functioning Prototype		