

Practice Progressions Placemat

		Unit 1 What is Big History?	Unit 2 The Big Bang	Unit 3 Stars & Elements	Unit 4 Our Solar System & Earth	Unit 5 Life	Unit 6 Early Humans	Unit 7 Agriculture & Civilization	Unit 8 Expansion & Interconnection	Unit 9 Acceleration	Unit 10 The Future
			THRESHOLD 1 THE BIG BANG	THRESHOLD 2 THE STARS LIGHT UP	THRESHOLD 3 NEW CHEMICAL ELEMENTS	THRESHOLD 4 EARTH & THE SOLAR SYSTEM	THRESHOLD 5 LIFE	THRESHOLD 6 COLLECTIVE LEARNING	THRESHOLD 7 AGRICULTURE	THRESHOLD 8 THE MODERN REVOLUTION	
UNIT DRIVING QUESTION		Why do we look at things from far away and close up?	How and why do individuals change their minds?	How can looking at the same information from different perspectives pave the way for progress?	How and why do theories become generally accepted?	How are we still evolving?	What makes humans different from other species?	Was farming an improvement over foraging?	What are the positive and negative impacts of interconnection?	To what extent has the Modern Revolution been a positive or negative force?	What's the next threshold?
Foundational BHP Practices	Reading	Lesson 1.1: "Big History Overview"									
	Writing	No specific activity sequence—release of scaffolding determined by teacher in relation to Three Close Reads tool. (Consult the BHP Practice Progressions Guide for more information.)									
	Claim Testing	Lesson 1.3: Analyzing Investigation Writing—Claim and Focus	Lesson 2.2: Analyzing Investigation Writing—Use of Evidence	Lesson 3.2: Analyzing Investigation Writing—Applying BHP Concepts	Lesson 4.1: Analyzing Investigation Writing—Organization Lesson 4.3: Revising Investigation Writing—Claim and Focus	Lesson 5.3: Revising Investigation Writing—Use of Evidence	Lesson 6.3: Revising Investigation Writing—Applying BHP Concepts	Lesson 7.2: Revising Investigation Writing—Sentence Starters Part 1	Lesson 8.3: Revising Investigation Writing—Sentence Starters Part 2	Lesson 9.3: Revising Investigation Writing—Sentence Starters Part 3	
Essential Thinking Practices	Causation		Lesson 2.0: Causation—Natural Disasters	Lesson 3.0: Causation—Star Formation Part I (Pairs with Lesson 3.0 video: How Stars Are Formed) Lesson 3.1: Causation—Star Formation Part II (Pairs with Lesson 3.2 video: What Did Stars Give Us?)	Lesson 4.0: Causation—Categorizing Causes (Pairs with Lesson 4.1 video: The Early Atmosphere)		Lesson 6.2: Causation—Alphonse the Camel		Lesson 8.0: Causation—The Modern Revolution		
	Scale	Lesson 1.1: Scale—History of Me Lesson 1.1: Scale—Big History on a Football Field Lesson 1.1: Scale—Human History on a String Lesson 1.1: Scale—Timelines	Lesson 2.1: Scale—Changing Views Timeline (Pairs with Lesson 2.1 articles: "Claudius Ptolemy," "Galileo Galilei," "Nicolaus Copernicus," "Isaac Newton," "Henrietta Leavitt," and "Edwin Hubble")	Lesson 3.2: Scale—Timelines and Periodization (Pairs with Lesson 3.2 articles: "Dmitri Mendeleev: Building the Periodic Table of Elements" and "Marie Curie: Chemistry, Physics, and Radioactivity")		Lesson 5.3: Scale—Evolution and Life Timeline (Pairs with Lesson 5.3 assets: activity "Voyage of the Beagle: Reading and Gallery" and article "Crick, Watson, and Franklin")				Lesson 9.0: Scale—Periodizing Big History Lesson 9.0: Closing: Scale—Periodizing Human History	Lesson 10.0: Scale Review
	Disciplines		Lesson 2.1: Disciplines—Who Knows What? Lesson 2.2: Disciplines—What Do You Know? What Do You Ask? Ways of Knowing videos: Lesson 2.2: Intro to Cosmology Lesson 2.2: Intro to Astrophysics	Lesson 3.2: Disciplines—What Do You Know? What Do You Ask? Ways of Knowing videos: Lesson 3.2: Intro to Chemistry	Lesson 4.3: Disciplines—What Do You Know? What Do You Ask? Ways of Knowing videos: Lesson 4.3: Intro to Geology	Ways of Knowing video: Lesson 5.3: Intro to Biology Other Materials: Intro to Conservation Science	Lesson 6.1: Disciplines—What Do You Know? What Do You Ask? Ways of Knowing videos: Lesson 6.1: Intro to Anthropology Lesson 6.1: Intro to Archaeology	Lesson 7.1: Disciplines—What Do You Know? What Do You Ask? Ways of Knowing videos: Lesson 7.2: Intro to History			Lesson 10.0: Disciplines—What Do You Know? What Do You Ask?
Repeated Activities	Narrative and Thresholds	Lesson 1.1: Threshold Name Game	Lesson 2.0: Narrative and Thresholds—The Big Bang (Pairs with Lesson 2.0 video: Threshold 1—The Big Bang)	Lesson 3.0: Narrative and Thresholds—The Stars Light Up (Pairs with Lesson 3.0 video: Threshold 2—The Stars Light Up) Lesson 3.1: Narrative and Thresholds—New Chemical Elements (Pairs with Lesson 3.1 video: Threshold 3—New Chemical Elements)	Lesson 4.0: Narrative and Thresholds—Earth & the Solar System (Pairs with Lesson 4.0 video: Threshold 4—Earth & the Solar System)	Lesson 5.1: Narrative and Thresholds—Life (Pairs with Lesson 5.0 video: Threshold 5—Life)	(Lesson 6.0 video: Threshold 6—Humans and Collective Learning)	(Lesson 7.0 video: Threshold 7—Agriculture)		(Lesson 9.0 video: Threshold 8—Modern Revolution)	
	This Threshold Today		Lesson 2.0: This Threshold Today—The Big Bang	Lesson 3.0: This Threshold Today—The Stars Light Up	Lesson 4.1: This Threshold Today—Earth and the Solar System			Lesson 7.0: This Threshold Today—Agriculture		Lesson 9.3: This Threshold Today—The Modern Revolution	
	DQ Notebook	Lesson 1.1 Lesson 1.3	Lesson 2.1 Lesson 2.2	Lesson 3.0 Lesson 3.2	Lesson 4.1 Lesson 4.3	Lesson 5.0 Lesson 5.2	Lesson 6.1 Lesson 6.3	Lesson 7.0 Lesson 7.2	Lesson 8.0 Lesson 8.3	Lesson 9.1 Lesson 9.3	Lesson 10.0 Lesson 10.2
	Investigations	Lesson 1.0: Investigation 0 Lesson 1.3: Investigation 1	Lesson 2.2: Investigation 2	Lesson 3.2: Investigation 3	Lesson 4.3: Investigation 4	Lesson 5.3: Investigation 5	Lesson 6.3: Investigation 6	Lesson 7.2: Investigation 7	Lesson 8.3: Investigation 8	Lesson 9.3: Investigation 9	Other Materials: Investigation 10
	Vocabulary	Lesson 1.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 1.1: Vocab Tracking Lesson 1.3: Vocab—Live Concept Mapping	Lesson 2.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 2.1: Vocab Tracking Lesson 2.2: Vocab Word Wheel	Lesson 3.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 3.1: Vocab Tracking Lesson 3.2: Vocab—Word Relay	Lesson 4.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 4.1: Vocab Tracking Lesson 4.3: Vocab—Word Sneak	Lesson 5.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 5.1: Vocab Tracking Lesson 5.2: Vocab—What's My Word?	Lesson 6.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 6.1: Vocab Tracking	Lesson 7.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 7.1: Vocab Tracking	Lesson 8.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 8.1: Vocab Tracking	Lesson 9.1: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 9.2: Vocab Tracking	Lesson 10.0: Vocab—Word Wall Lesson 10.1: Vocab Tracking
	Debates		Lesson 2.1: Views of the Universe Debate				Lesson 6.2: Culture and Collective Learning Debate		Lesson 8.3: Debate: Has the Scientific Revolution Ended?	Lesson 9.1: Debate: Is Change Accelerating?	
Little Big History Project		Summative research project. Not necessarily a repeated activity, though there is a sequence of related activities that helps students work through everything from topic selection to final presentations.									
							Lesson 6.1: Little Big History Kickoff Lesson 6.3: Little Big History: Choosing Your Focus	Lesson 7.0: Little Big History Biography Lesson 7.2: Little Big History—Research Questions	Lesson 8.3: Little Big History—Final Project		

