5E Lesson

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Lesson Title	Alternative Fuels Road Trip	
Lesson Source	U.S. Department of Energy	
Technology Needs	Computers with internet capabilities, Projector	
Date/Time Lesson to be Taught		
School		
Supervising Teacher		
Math or Science?	Science	
Lesson Concepts	Alternative Fuels	
Objectives CO State Standards	 Define what an alternative fuel is List several major alternative fuels Map a road trip route around alternative fueling stations High School Science Standard 1: Physical Science 5 Energy exists in many forms such as mechanical, chemical, electrical, radiant, thermal, and nuclear, that can be quantified and experimentally determined Relevance & Application 3 There are advantages and disadvantages to using various energy sources such as gasoline, diesel, ethanol, hydrogen, and electricity as transportation fuel. 	
Materials List and Advanced Preparation	Computers with internet capabilities, Projector Make sure the computer and projector are on and warmed up before class	
Safety	No major concerns; however, all other classroom expectations and procedures must be followed.	
Accommodations for Learners with Special Needs	More time with the internet programs Ask more specific and basic questions	



1. ENGAGEMENT		Time: 10 Minutes
What the Teacher Will Do	Probing/Eliciting Questions	Student Responses and Misconceptions
 Prompt video by introducing what alternative fuels are Show video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzN OM3j9wk4 Discuss alternative fuels 	 What are alternative fuels? What are fossil fuels? What's the difference? Name some alternative fuels Surprised electric cars can go so fast? 	 Different fuels Nonrenewable fuels Electric, Hydrogen, Natural Gas "I didn't knew they could go that fast."
Evaluation/Decision Point Assessment		Student Outcomes
Ask students what an alternative fuel is Ask students to compile a list of common alternative fuels		Students should be able to define what an alternative fuel is and list a few common ones

2. EXPLORATION		Time: 30 Minutes
What the Teacher Will Do	Probing/Eliciting Questions	Student Responses and Misconceptions
 Split the class into six different groups Biodiesel, Hydrogen, Electricity, Natural Gas, Ethanol, Propane Each group will investigate a different fuel The group will discover the basics, benefits, stations, and laws about their fuel Must include the advantages and disadvantages of their fuel Most of the information can be found at http://www.afdc.energy.gov/fuels/ The groups will compile the information in their notebooks 	 What are the advantages of your fuel? Disadvantages? Would you recommend this fuel to your friends? Is this fuel common? Are there many fueling stations? Much emissions? 	 Cheaper fuel, Better gas mileage, Less emissions Few refueling stations, More expensive vehicles, Bad gas mileage, More emissions, I would(n't) because Very common, Less common Few/Many refueling stations Located mostly in one area of the country Less and cleaner emissions, Less CO₂, More emissions
Evaluation/Decision Point Assessment		Student Outcomes
Ask students the advantages and disadvantages of their fuel		Students should become familiar with their specific fuel. They should be able to give the basics, benefits, stations, and laws attaining to their fuel.



3. EXPLANATION		Time: 30 Minutes
What the Teacher Will Do	Probing/Eliciting Questions	Student Responses and Misconceptions
 Each group will plan a road trip They must decide where they'd like to go They may start at any location Trip must be at least 500 miles long Using the map of alternative refueling stations, located here http://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations/route/, they must plan a route without running out of fuel They must use the accepted gas mileage for their fuel After the route is mapped, they must figure out how much the trip would cost in fuel This can be calculated by the total distance and the gas mileage Screenshot the map and either save it as an image or paste it into a PowerPoint 	 Where are you starting? Where are you going? Is there any reason why you picked those locations? Does it have anything to do with the locations of your refueling stations? How much will your road trip cost? How did you figure this out? Is that cheap? 	 Any location I had to pick an area with a higher number of refueling stations. The central United States doesn't have many stations for my fuel The trip will cost I figured this out by multiplying the total distance by the gas mileage
Evaluation/Decision Point Assessment		Student Outcomes
Ask the students how much their trip Ask the students how they figured the		Students should have a completed map showing the route of their road trip. Also, they should have the amount their road trip will cost.



4. ELABORATION		Time: 40 Minutes
What the Teacher Will Do	Probing/Eliciting Questions	Student Responses and Misconceptions
 Each group will present their fuel Each presentation should be short; about 4 to 6 minutes The presentations should focus on what their fuel is and the advantages and disadvantages of it Also, their road trip route should be shown Then, the group can discuss why they picked that route and how much it would cost them While the presentations are occurring, the students not presenting should be taking notes about each fuel Listing the pros and cons of each 	 What makes your fuel unique? Would you use this fuel? What did you like about your fuel? Didn't like? Why did you pick that route? How much is it going to cost? Is that amount comparatively cheap? 	 Less/More emissions, (Non)Renewable, Cheap/Expensive, Common/Uncommon, Many/Few refueling stations Yes/No because I liked how cheap it was, the little pollution it creates, renewable, and the better gas mileage I didn't like how expensive it was, how few stations there are, more expensive vehicles, and more emissions We picked a route with many stations Cheap/Expensive Cheaper/More than typical gas
Evaluation/Decision Point Assessment		Student Outcomes
Ask the students the advantages and Ask which fuel they'd like to use	disadvantages of each fuel	Students should be able to name and list the pros and cons of each alternative fuel

5. EVALUATION			Time: 5 Minutes
What the Teacher Will Do	Probing/Eliciting Questions		Student Responses and Misconceptions
Have every student write out which fuel they'd like to use and why; describing the advantages and disadvantages of it			
Differentiation Time: N/A			Time: N/A
Students who are behind or need support		For advanced or gifted students	
Students behind can focus more on the advantages and disadvantages of the specific alternative fuels, while others in the group work on the map		other alternati	dents can use their same route with ve fuels and see if it'd work. Also, much the other fuels would cost heir original fuel

