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| **Strand: Science – Earth Science** |
| **Topic: Geologic Time** |
| **Grade: 7th Grade** |
| **Score 4.0** | **In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught.**1. Can use information from a geologic time scale to make an inference about why events occurred.
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|  | **3.5** | In addition to score 3.0 performance, in-depth inferences and applications with partial success. |
| **Score 3.0** | **The student understands that objects in motion stay in motion unless acted on by an outside force.** 1. Understand that Earth is over 4 Billion years old, and different events have occurred on Earth during different periods of time.
2. Uses a scale of time to identify when events occur in geologic time.
3. Understands how scientists obtain information about when events occurred by explaining relative and absolute dating.

**The student exhibits no major errors or omissions.** |
|  | **2.5** | No major errors or omissions regarding 2.0 content and partial knowledge of the 3.0 content. |
| **Score 2.0** | **There are no major errors or omissions regarding the simpler details and processes as the student:*** Recognizes or recalls specific terminology, such as:
	1. Geologic time
	2. Era
	3. Period
	4. Relative Dating
	5. Absolute Dating
	6. Fossil
* Can place items on a scale of geologic time.

**However, the student exhibits major errors or omissions regarding the more complex ideas and processes.** |
|  | **1.5** | Partial knowledge of the 2.0 content, but major errors or omissions regarding the 3.0 content. |
| **Score 1.0** | **With help, a partial understanding of some of the simpler details and processes and some of the more complex ideas and processes.** |
|  | **0.5** | With help, a partial understanding of the 2.0 content, but not the 3.0 content. |
| **Score 0.0** | **Even with help, no understanding or skill demonstrated.** |