

Instructions for the Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM

The *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM* includes:

73 **performance tasks** with task-specific rubrics and annotated student benchmark papers at four levels – Novice, Apprentice, Practitioner and Expert. These may be used for **assessment** and **instruction**.

To open the *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM*:

- Insert CD-ROM into computer.
- Open the "Best of Science 68" folder.
- Double click on "start_here" icon.
- From the Best of Science home page, click on the orange oval with "6-8 Tasks" written on it.
- Select desired task.

To print task overheads and supplemental worksheets, or to view embedded graphics or annotated student benchmark papers, you must open the PDF version of the task. To do this:

- From the Best of Science CD home page click on "6-8 Tasks."
- Select desired task.
- In the task "overview" there is a PDF icon located in the upper right corner of your screen.
- Double click on this icon to open the PDF.

To search the *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM* for a specific task:

- From the Best of Science CD home page, select "Search" located in the upper left corner of your screen.
- In the "search field," type the task title or a few words of the title.
- Click the "Go" button.

To browse all tasks according to task titles and/or task descriptions:

- From the Best of Science CD home page click on "6-8 Tasks."
- All of the task titles and descriptions will appear.
- Click the task title to view the task.

To search the *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM* for Big Ideas and Unifying Concepts, Physical Science Concepts, Life Science Concepts, Earth and Space Science Concepts, Design Technology, Science in Personal and Societal Perspectives Concepts, Other Science Concepts and Procedures, Interdisciplinary Links and Mathematics Concepts:

- ❑ From the Best of Science CD home page, select "Search" in the upper left corner.
- ❑ In the right column of the "Search Page", select your area of interest.
- ❑ All tasks associated with the criteria you selected will appear.
- ❑ Click the task title to view the task.

To access the *Exemplars* web site for additional resources:

- ❑ From the home page, click on the *Exemplars* logo in the upper right corner of your screen.
- ❑ You may also contact us by clicking on the "Contact Us" button in the upper left corner of your screen.

To return to the "Home Page" of the *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM*:

- ❑ Click on the "Home" button located in the upper left corner of your screen.

Additional Notes:

- ❑ *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM* works with most 5.0 web browsers. For optimal performance, Exemplars recommends using Firefox. To download a free copy, please visit <http://www.mozilla.com/firefox/>.
- ❑ *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM* requires 404 MB of space to install on your hard drive or server.
- ❑ *Exemplars* material is aligned to state and national standards. Please visit www.exemplars.com/resources/alignments to access state alignments.
- ❑ To view PDF versions of the tasks you must have a program called Adobe Acrobat Reader[®] installed on your computer. We have provided this for you to install in the "Extras" folder on the *Best of Science Exemplars, 6-8 CD-ROM*. If you require another version you may download this program free of charge from the Adobe web site by visiting, <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.
- ❑ For suggestions on getting started with *Exemplars* science material and rubrics, please refer to "The Science Toolkit" located in the "Extras" folder on the CD-ROM.
- ❑ To print PDF versions of the tasks by complete grade level, please refer to the "PDFs to Print" folder in the "Extras" folder on the CD-ROM.
- ❑ Please refer to the hard copy installation instructions included with the CD for additional information. If you have any further questions, please contact us at 800-450-4050 or at info@exemplars.com