






“BAG up Depth and Complexity!”

Depth and Complexity Element	Element Description/ Guiding Questions	Instructional Experience
	<p style="text-align: center;">Big Idea</p> <p>The generalizations, principles, and theories that distinguish themselves from the facts and concepts of the area or discipline under study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the key idea, theory, or principle? • What conclusions can be made based on the collection of facts? • What evidence is needed to support the overarching statement? 	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Details</p> <p>Parts that make up the whole, the information that enhances understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What key traits, details or characteristics define the topic? • Which important details make this different for other topics? • What details can be explained further? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Cycle: Learners will analyze the water cycle and list the essential and non-essential details and then compose a “Day in the Life of a Water Droplet” story.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Over Time</p> <p>The understanding of time as an agent of change and recognition that the passage of time changes our knowledge of things.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has an idea changed during a particular time period? • How has time affected how people view the topic? • How or why did the idea change or remain the same over different time periods? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research: Learners will examine the evolution of technology and how it is benefits society.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Unanswered Questions</p> <p>The ambiguities and gaps of information recognized within an area or discipline under study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has not been explored, proven, or understood about the topic? • How is the information incomplete in explanation? • What conclusions need further evidence? 	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Patterns</p> <p>Recurring events represented by details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the order of events? • Which elements, events, or ideas are recurring? • What predictions can be made based on the patterns seen? 	