



## Interpreting the Standards

The following standards documents were included in the lesson designs:

- Arizona State Science Standards
- Next Generation Science Standards
- Arizona Common Core Standards – English Language Arts

How to read the standards:

### **Arizona State Science Standards**

Grade 3: SS Strand 4: Concept 3 – PO 3

SS = Arizona State Science Standards

Strand 4 = Life Science

Concept 3: Organisms and Environments

PO 3 = Performance Objective – Explain the interrelationships among plants and animals in different environments.

### **Next Generation Science Standards**

NGSS 3-LS 2. D = Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

LS 2 = the section; D = Disciplinary Core Ideas:

Social interactions and group behavior – Being part of a group helps animals obtain food, defend themselves....

### **Arizona Common Core State Standards – English Language Arts**

Common Core State Standards = CCSS

CCSS 3.W.2 = Grade 3 Writing

W. 2 = Write informative/explanatory texts to examine topic and convey ideas and information clearly.