

MODULE 8.5

AWE for Students



TAKE IT DEEPER:

Integrating Awe Into a Lesson

Choose a classroom lesson that lends itself to awe. For example, the amazing human body or quantum entanglement or the distance between planets and the size of the universe. Fractals, insects, mixing paints, lichen, slime molds, eclipses, the Chorus of a Greek drama, why we don't feel dizzy on our spinning Earth, field trips to sacred sites, glitter bottles, the magic of literature, hummingbirds...the list is endless!

Next, take a few minutes to reflect on how you might integrate an awe experience into the lesson.

What is "awe-inspiring" in the lesson topic?

How might you share this "awe" with students? Video, music, art, movement— or even just how you deliver the content?

How might you ensure that this moment of awe is safe for all students to experience? And how will you validate all students' responses, whether they feel awe or not?

