

Grades 9-12

3.5.9-12.KK Technology and Engineering: Nature and Characteristics of Technology and Engineering

Students who demonstrate understanding can relate how technological and engineering developments have been evolutionary, often the result of a series of refinements to basic inventions or technological knowledge.

Clarifying Statement: For example, the development of the pencil was a long and tedious process. Engineers, designers, and technicians developed many different techniques and processes and used a variety of materials in order to develop the best pencil possible. Agricultural techniques were developed to improve the cultivation of food and its supply. Other developments include better ways to communicate through the development of paper, ink, and the alphabet; to navigate with boats; to understand human anatomy; and to provide access to clean drinking water.

Assessment Boundary: N/A

Science and Engineering Practices (SEP)

Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information

Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information in 9–12 builds on K–8 experiences and progresses to evaluating the validity and reliability of the claims, methods, and designs.

 Critically read scientific literature adapted for classroom use to determine the central ideas or conclusions and/or to obtain scientific and/or technical information to summarize complex evidence, concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

Disciplinary Core Ideas (DCI)

Interaction of Technology and Humans

Changes caused by the introduction and use of a new technology can range from gradual to rapid and from subtle to obvious, and can change over time. These changes may vary from society to society as a result of differences in a society's economy, politics, and culture.

Technology and Engineering Practices (TEP)

Making and Doing

 Demonstrates the ability to regulate and improve making and doing skills.

Pennsylvania Context: N/A

Pennsylvania Career Ready Skills: Establish and pursue goals or post-secondary education, employment, and living within the community.

Connections to Other Standards Content and Practices

Science, Technology & Engineering, and Environment Literacy & Sustainability (STEELS)



Standard Source	Possible Connections to Other Standard(s) or Practice(s)
PA Core Standards: Reading and Writing in Science and Technical Areas	CC.1.2.3.G: Use information gained from text features to demonstrate understanding of a text. CC.1.2.4.G: Interpret various presentations of information within a text or digital source and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of text in which it appears. CC.1.2.5.G: Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently. CC.1.4.3.V: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. CC.1.4.4.V: Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. CC.1.4.5.V: Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. CC.1.4.3.W: Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories. CC.1.4.4.W: Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.
PA Core Standards: Reading and Writing in Science and Technical Areas (continued)	CC.1.4.5.W: Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.
PA Core Standards and Practices: Math	N/A
Integrated Standards for Science, Environment & Ecology, and Technology & Engineering Standards Grades K–12	N/A