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Synopsis

The Teachers Curriculum and teaching guide for Bob Jones University Space and Earth Science.

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Customer Reviews

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My son enjoys this science curriculum, and loves the way the subject is presented! The only thing is, I think with my next child going through this science, I'll get the updated version so it is more up to date. We love this curriculum!

not a fan

Great book, ordered for school. Fast shipping

Thank you!!

PERFECT

I received Earth and Science 3rd edition for free from another homeschool mom. I figured if I didn't like the curriculum then I had lost nothing. It is a bit dry and I'm using for my 8th and 10th grade sons who like it very much. They don't do pretty, flowery, appealing, colorful, over simplified

curriculum of any kind. It's straight forward, cut, and dried. I like that. I'm in the homeschool world not because I want to make things easier on my kids but because I want to challenge them and this curriculum is exactly that: challenging. I've tried Apologia curriculum and hated it because it was too simple and lost their attention easily. Both boys are enjoying this program and learning what they need to learn. That's what counts.

I am a PhD chemist with many years as a state and Christian university professor and now several years of Christian school teaching. These are excellent books. I used them for seventh graders last year. These books are at the same level as introductory (not general) science college texts, like the ones we used at the university level for teacher training. Whether this is appropriate or not for middle school, or the logic stage in our classical school, is a matter of opinion. They stay very true to a biblical perspective, but they can be hard at times. It takes a knowledgeable teacher to help, so I wonder how well these books would work in a homeschooling environment in which the parent(s) do NOT know much about the material.

I work in a private school that uses a mix of Bob Jones and A-Beka. I was introduced to this curriculum recently and I was immediately worried. In reading the foreword of the text, the authors claim that they made the text easier to read and less complicated in this edition. I beg to differ, and I pity the students who had to read the previous editions. With experience in the public school and plenty of upper-level college science, education, and literacy courses, I can tell readily when a textbook is not age appropriate and what it takes to understand the text. I decided to examine this book at a deeper level than what I originally wanted to because I was given an education regarding literacy and age-appropriateness of literature. I gave this the ol' Fry Readability test in multiple places in the textbook. Now, remember, this is a book meant for 8th graders. These are my results.

Trial 1:	Sentences per 100 words -- 3.9	Syllables per 100 words -- 152	Reading Level -- 11th Grade
Trial 2:	Sentences per 100 words -- 4.5	Syllables per 100 words -- 160	Reading Level -- 12th Grade
Trial 3:	Sentences per 100 words -- 5.5	Syllables per 100 words -- 145	Reading Level -- 9th Grade

Average Reading Level = 11 (rounded up)

Understanding the current American situation where reading is a chore, this textbook is almost guaranteed to be over instructional level for a majority of students. For fun, I decided to try this once more on the glossary within the textbook, thinking to myself that if there was ever one portion of the textbook that would need to get information across easily to students, it would be here.

Glossary Results (wait for it):	Sentences per 100 words -- 5	Syllables per 100 words -- 171	Reading Level -- College and above.
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Conclusion:

Based on my understanding of scientific education and literacy assessment measures, this textbook is far from age appropriate.[...]

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