



Professional Reflection-Oriented Focus on Inquiry-based Learning and Education through Science

PROFILES IBSE Teaching/Learning Materials – Overview

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A Module for Science Instruction – especially Chemistry – for Grades 8 to 12

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Abstract

In the PROFILES module "Renewable energy sources – How can expert reports lead astray?" the young students will deal intensively with the opinions, ideals and judgments of other people on the topic of renewable energy, namely bioenergy. With the help of detailed instructions, the students should be able to compare and evaluate two fuel types, for example biodiesel and diesel, in a systematic manner. By following the recommondations of this module, the students learn how experts come to their conclusions and to scientific reports. The students will also find out why different experts' reports can come to different scientific results and why even experts' reports can lead astray.









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Subject: Science and/or Chemistry

Grade level: 8th to 12th grade

Curriculum content:	Energy and chemical reactions (First Law of thermodynamics, analyzing the	
	energy of chemical	reactions; chemical equilibrium in nature and industry
	(especially 'Le Chat	elier's principle'); economical and ecological effects of
	polysaccharides: bu biopolymers	ildings blocks, structure and properties; relevance of
Kind of activity:	Appropriate judgment, enquiring, explaining, laboratory work, field	
	trip/excursion, role-p	play, group activities etc
Anticipated time:	4 lessons of 45 minutes for the example introduced here – app. 40 lessons of 45 minutes for the whole IBSE-Module on Renewable Energy Resources	
Overall Objectives/Competencies:		Basic scientific knowledge regarding the Concept of
		energy, skills concerning scientific inquiry,
		communication skills (esp. role-play), informed decision

Attached files			
1.	Student activities	Describes the scenario in more detail and the tasks the students should carry out	
2.	Teaching guide	Suggests a teaching approach	

making and appropriate judgment skills.

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