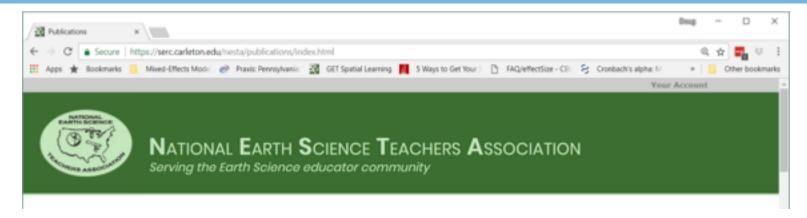
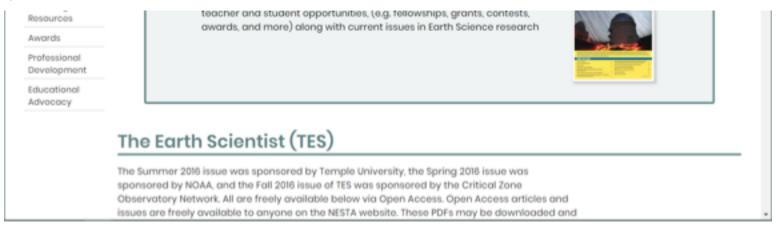


Reviewing the Pre-Constructed MELs The Earth Scientist, Special Issue

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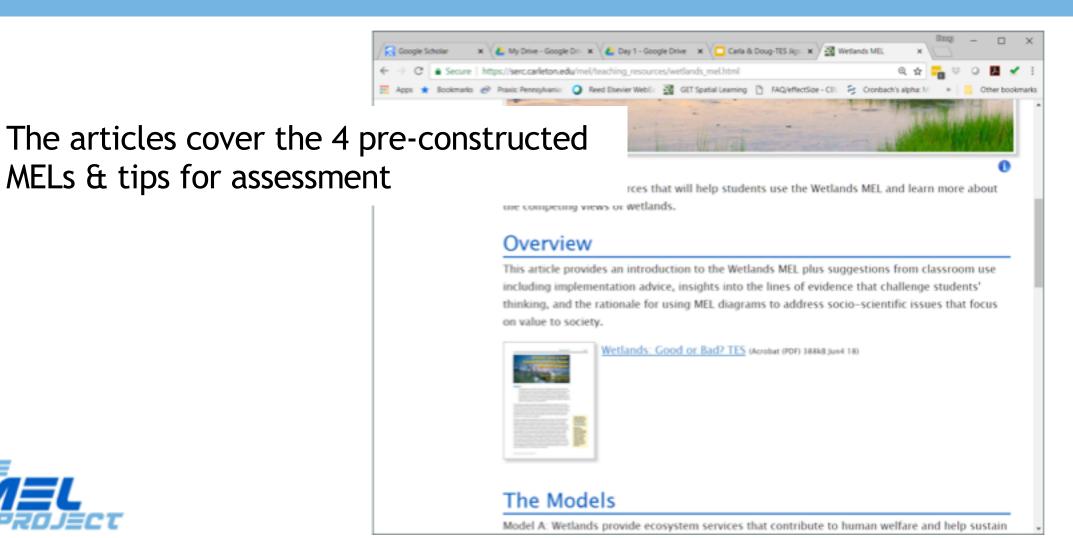


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This special "MEL" issue features 5 articles written by master teachers & the research team





Let's evaluate the articles using a jigsaw activity

Step 1: We will divide into 4

MEL "expert" groups

Group A = Climate Change

Group B = Moon

Group C = Wetlands

Group D = Fracking

Step 2: We will then convene in interdisciplinary groups (stay tuned!)

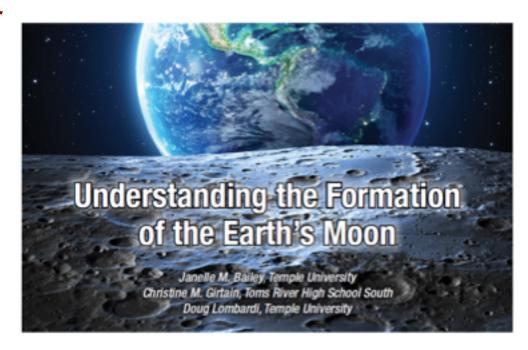




Step 1A: Reading & analyzing your group's assigned article

Individually, please read your article carefully (take ~10 minutes to silently read the article) and write/respond to the following questions:

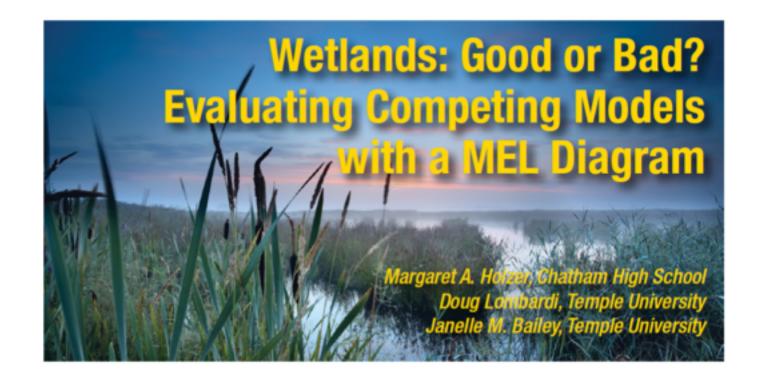
- 1. Analyze the models that are at the center of your MEL: What type of issue underlies the models in your MEL?
 - a. socio-scientific
 - b. controversial/scientific
 - c. abstract/scientific
- 2. What type of explanation underlies the models in your MEL?
 - a. scientific with consensus
 - b. scientific, but still being investigated
 - c. value-based



Step 1B: Looking for teaching tips

As a MEL expert group, respond to and write down the following question:

What tips, pedagogical strategies, & potential problems are given for implementing the MEL you read about in your article?





Let's move onto the next step...

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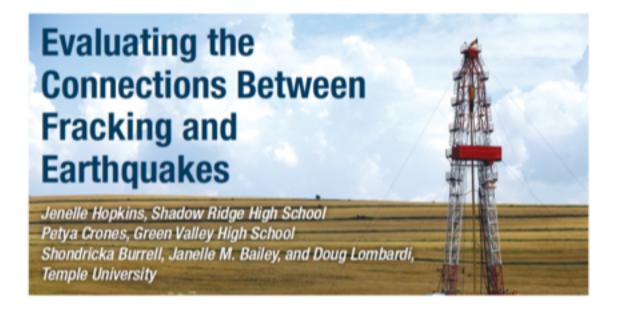




Step 2A: Comparing & contrasting models

Analyze the models in each of the 4 MELs...compare & contrast the type of issues & explanations across the MEL models

Please show your analysis on big paper to share with the whole group

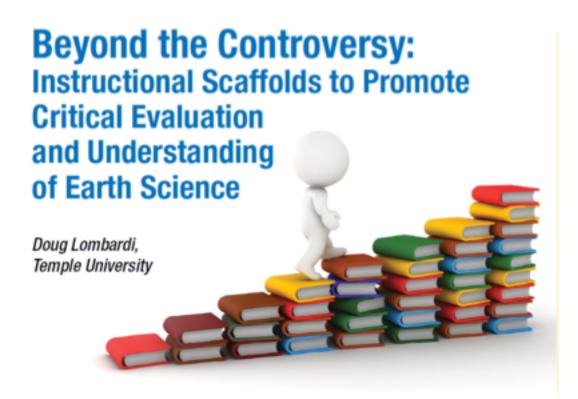




Step 2B: Compiling a tips list

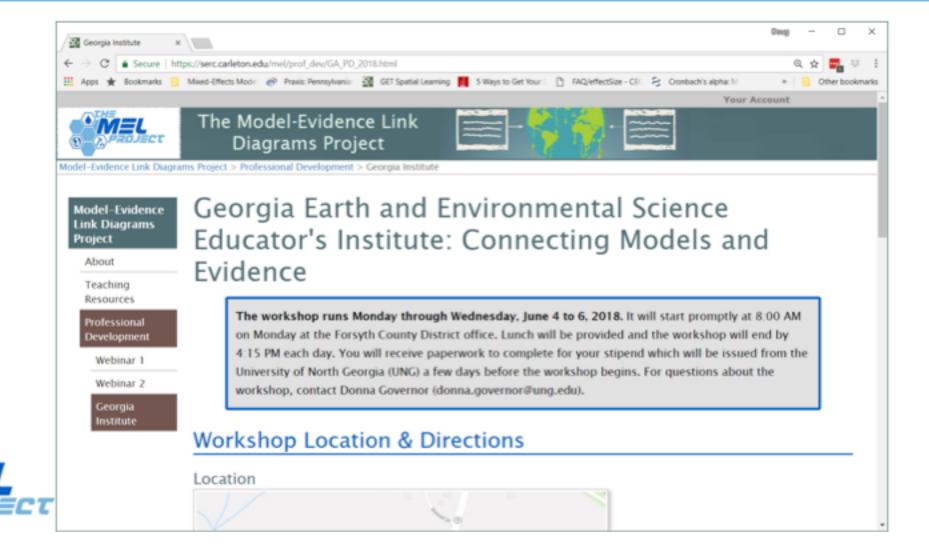
Review the tips, pedagogical strategies, & potential problems given for implementing each of the four MELs described in the articles

Please compile a list on big paper to share with the whole group





Don't forget to visit the MEL Project website (early and often) to download the latest materials & resources



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