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| **Essential Features of Inquiry** | **1**  **Full Inquiry Teaching**  **(Can Use Learning Cycle)** | **2**  **Coupled Inquiry**  **(Can Use Learning Cycle)** | **3**  **Guided Inquiry** | **4**  **Directed Inquiry** | **5**  **Verification** | **6**  **Expository** |
| 1. Learner **engages in**  scientifically oriented **questions** | Learner poses a question | Learner selects among  questions, poses new  questions | Learner sharpens or  clarifies question  provided by teacher, materials, or other source | Learner engages in question provided by teacher, materials, or other source | Learner engages in question that replicates one provided by teacher, materials, or other source | Learner engages in no question to investigate |
| 2. Learner gives priority to **evidence** in  responding to questions | Learner determines what  constitutes evidence and  collects it | Learner directed to  collect certain data | Learner given data and asked to analyze | Learner given data and told how to analyze | Learner given data and told how to analyze that replicates one provided | Learner given no data just conclusions |
| 3. Learner **formulates explanations** from evidence | Learner formulates explanation after summarizing evidence | Learner guided in process of formulating explanations from evidence | Learner given possible ways to use evidence to formulate explanation | Learner provided with evidence | Learner provided with evidence that replicates conclusions already given | Learner provided with no evidence, only conclusions |
| 4. Learner **connects**  **explanations** to scientific knowledge | Learner independently  examines other resources and forms the links to explanations | Learner directed toward areas and sources of scientific knowledge | Learner given possible connections | Learner provided with connections | Learner provided with connections that replicates one provided | Teacher reports connections |
| 5. Learner communicates  and **justifies**  **explanations** | Learner forms reasonable  and logical argument to  communicate explanations | Learner coached in development of communication | Learner provided broad guidelines to sharpen communication | Learner given steps and procedures for communication | Learner reports how close to the textbook the conclusions were | Learner reports no conclusions |

**More \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Learner Self-Direction \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Less**

**Less \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Amount of Direction from Teacher or Material \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ More**

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