**Social Studies Lesson Plans – Mr. Cain**

**Week of September 19, 2016 to September 23, 2016**

**Monday/: Origin Stories**

**Tuesday**

Major Objectives: Students will be able to: 1.) define the key course theme of origin stories, and 2.) explain the features that Big History shares with traditional origin stories.

Activities: Whole group discussion of origin stories and the modern scientific origin story, small group/individual reading of traditional origin stories from around the world, individual creation of an origin story comic strip.

Text/Materials: Universe Verse Book Part 1, Modern Scientific Origin Story, Chinese, Iroquois, Mayan, Greek, Zulu, and Efik origin stories, Origin Story Graphic Organizer, Origin Story Comic Strip Mini-Project.

Assessment: Monitoring of students’ classwork and participation.

Homework: Origin Story Comic Strip Mini-Project

**Wednesday/: Claims Testers**

**Thursday**

Objectives: Students will be able to: 1.) Define claim testing, and 2.) Explain the four claim testers used throughout the Big History course: intuition, authority, logic, and evidence.

Activities: Small group/individual reading of the comic book, “Claims Testers”, individual creation of Claims Tester Trading Cards.

Text/Materials: Claims Testers Comic Book, Claims Testers Trading Cards Mini-Project.

Assessment: Monitoring of students’ classwork and participation.

Homework: Completion of Claims Testers Trading Cards.

**Friday: Unit #2 Vocabulary**

Major Objective: Students will be able to: 1.) identify and describe the major vocabulary terms of unit #2, and 2.) create two vocabulary posters based on the major terms of unit #2.

Activities: Small group/individual completion of the Unit #2 Vocabulary Worksheet, individual completion of Unit #2 Vocabulary Flipbook.

Text/Materials: Big History Project Glossary, Unit #2 Vocabulary Worksheet, Unit #2 Vocabulary Flipbook Instructions.

Assessment: Monitoring of students’ classwork and participation.

Homework: Completion of Unit #2 Vocabulary Flipbook and Unit #2 Vocabulary Challenge.