Light Assessment Bibliography

Basis	Assessment Item
No specific article. This question was based on multiple author s findings that children often do not think the path of light is straight.	1. (a) The path of light is straight. Agree Disagree (please circle your answer)
	(b) Describe or present evidence and draw a picture that shows your thinking about the path of light. Label what s in your drawing.
No specific article. This question was based on multiple author s findings that found children are often	2. The picture below shows a room with no windows. The only light in the room is from the candle.
confused about light travelling.	The person can see the candle from 10 feet away.
	If you could take a light measuring tool around the room, where do you think the tool would detect light?
	In the picture below, circle each letter where the light measuring tool would show that there is light. A B C D E
No specific article.	3. In the drawings below, light is shown hitting a mirror. The arrows
	(a) On the pictures above, show with an arrow how light reflects from each mirror.
N (6 (1)	(b) State how you knew where to draw the reflected light.
No specific article	reflected from a mirror.
	The numbers show the size of the angles formed between the mirror B S S S S S S S S S S S S
	(a) Circle the drawing that accurately shows light reflecting from the mirror.
	(b) How did you think about this problem to decide which drawing is correct?
No specific article	reflects from each mirror. (b) State how you knew where to draw the reflected light. 4. The drawings below show how light from a flashlight <i>might</i> be reflected from a mirror. The numbers show the size of the angles formed between the mirror Incoming

5. The drawing below shows a person looking at a tree on a sunny Think about how the light from the sun helps the person to see the tree. Bonnie L. Shapiro, (1989), What children bring to With lines draw the path of light to show how the person see light: giving high status to learners' views and actions in science, Science Education, 73(6), 711-733 Put arrows on your lines to show the direction you think ligh (b) traveling. Describe your thinking about how the person sees the tree. 6. Here is a flashlight shining on a green ball in a dark room. Light is No specific article. reflected onto the screen. Think about what you would see on the screen. Rodney thinks that he would see white light on the screen. Joe thinks that he would see yellow light on the screen. Michael thinks that he would see blue light on the screen. Ahmed thinks that he would see "green light" on the screen. Which child do you agree with and why? 7. On a sunny morning some children found three buckets outside. No specific article. They filled one of the buckets with dark soil. They filled another bucket with water, and they filled the third bucket with light colored sand. After lunch, the children came back and felt the buckets. Some buckets felt hotter than others. The children decided to use a thermometer to measure the temperature of the material in each bucket. Circle the material you think was the warmest. (a) (b) Circle the material you think was the coolest. (c) Please tell how you decided which was the warmest and which was the coolest. 8. A child went to a winter art festival at a park on a cold sunny day. Inspired by Feher & Rice s (1988) work on children s The child saw three sculptures. One was made out of clear glass, ideas about shadows. another was made out of ice, and the third was made out of wood.

The child noticed that the sculptures all had shadows. But the

Elsa Feher and Karen Rice, (1988), Shadows and anti-

shadows did not look the same. images: Children's conceptions of light and vision. II., Science Education 72(5), 637-649 The child looked at the three shadows and tried to figure out why they were different. Why do you think the shadows were different? 9. Imagine that you are in a room with a ball and two light bulbs. No specific article. One bulb is a regular bulb and shines white light. The other is a special bulb that only shines red light. When you turn on only the white lightbulb the ball looks blue: When you turn on only the red lightbulb the ball looks black. Why does the ball look different in the red light? 10. Here is a prism: Here is a side-view of a prism No specific article. Imagine white light hitting a prism. (a) On the picture above, draw what you would see inside the prism and on the other side of the prism. State the color of the light. (b) Describe what you think happens to the white light inside the prism: Now imagine green light hitting a prism. (c) On the picture above, draw what you would see inside the prism and on the other side of the prism. State the color of the light. (d) Describe what you think happens to the green light inside the prism:

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