All adult Americans will be science literate—they will understand a common core of learning in science, mathematics, and technology.

- Science literacy, as defined by *Science for All Americans*, will be the basis for a common core of instruction.
- The curriculum will be based on a coherent set of explicit learning goals such as those presented in *Benchmarks for Science Literacy*.
- The curriculum will cover fewer topics so that students have time to learn the most important ideas well.

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