Teacher Information
6th Grade Unit. Activity 2: “The Heart – What Do You Know?”

Suggested time period:
One 45-minute period or less.

Materials:
Crayons, colored pencils, or color markers
Drawing paper

Optional extensions and substitutions:
• Post pictures on the walls around the classroom.
• Have students use computers to search for images of hearts on the Internet.
• Have students complete activity on small groups
• Have students assess each other’s drawings.
• Supplement activity with library research, internet research, reading from the textbook or note-taking on the basic structure of the heart.

Learning goals:
After completing this exercise students should be able to:
• Assess whether their pre-existing ideas about the heart agree with current scientific understanding.

Additional Resources:
“The Heart: An Online Investigation” from the Franklin Institute Online
http://sln.fi.edu/biosci/heart.html
Amazing heart facts from PBS NOVA episode “Cut to the Heart”
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/heart/heartfacts.html