

T A B L E 3 . 1

Abilities Needed to Do Inquiry

Grades K–4

Ask a question about phenomena/events in the social world

Plan and perform simple investigations

Use simple equipment and tools to gather data

Use data to develop descriptions and explanations

Communicate descriptions of investigations and explanations

Grades 5–8

Identify questions that can be investigated

Plan and conduct investigations

Use tools and technology to gather, analyze, and interpret data

Use a range of inquiry skills to develop generalizations and models using data

Communicate procedures for investigations and explanations