

	Who We Are	Where We Are in Place and Time	How We Express Ourselves	How the World Works	How We Organize Ourselves	Sharing the Planet
	<i>An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.</i>	<i>An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.</i>	<i>An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.</i>	<i>An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.</i>	<i>An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.</i>	<i>An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.</i>
5	<p><b>Central Idea</b> The beliefs and values of like-minded individuals can influence or change cultural norms.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Traits of Leadership (Form) Revolts Against Authority (Perspective) Dynamic Nature of Cultural Norms (Change)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Past civilizations shape present day systems.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> The needs of a Civilization (Reflection) The use of Governments to manage People and Borders (Reflection) The use of Systems to transport people, goods, and ideas (Connection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Desire and fear motivate the expression of ideas.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Literature (Reflection) Marketing and Advertising (Perspective) Bias (Responsibility)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Natural cycles are vital to human survival and comfort.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Observation of Weather (Function/Causation) Natural Disasters (Function) Ecological Cycles that Perpetuate Life (Connection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Markets can operate within and beyond governmental constraints.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Types of Structures of Governments (Form) Market Systems (Function) Economics of Operating a Business (Function) Supply-Chaining and Specialization (Connection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Changes in an ecosystem can alter the environment and the balance of life.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Classification in Nature (Reflection) Interdependency, Sustainability and the Flow of Energy (Connection) Man's Impact on the Environment (Change/Reflection)</p>
4	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Family heritage and heredity influence who we are as individuals.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> How Traits are Inherited (Connection) Investigating Genealogy (Function) How Heritage Affects our Lives (Perspective)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> New and existing communities result from immigration.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Causes of immigration (Causation/Change) Conflict between Cultures (Causation) Acceptance and Understanding between Cultures (Perspective)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Voices communicate different ideas, emotions and feelings.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> What is Voice (Form/Function) Public Speaking (Connection) Written Expression (Perspective)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Energy is generated, stored, and used in a variety of ways.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> The relationship between Forces and Energy (Connection) Properties of Electricity (Function/Connection) Electricity is used in Many Ways (Responsibility)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> The efficiency of a government depends on the structure and function.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Structure of Government (Form) Function of Government (Function) Documentation (Form/Connection) Responsibility of a Government (Responsibility)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Living things must change to meet the demands of their environment.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Animal Adaptations (Form/Function) Plant Adaptations (Form/Function) How Humans Adapt to their Environment (Change)</p>
3	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Being knowledgeable about the body enables people to live a healthy life.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Systems of the Body (Function) Positive and Negative Choices about Health (Reflection) World Health Issues (Responsibility)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Explorations pose a variety of challenges and opportunities.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Motivations and Rewards of Pioneering (Causation) Challenges and Risks of Frontiers (Perspective) Connecting People through Technology (Connection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> People use signs and symbols to understand the world.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Difference between a sign and symbol (Form) Communicating with Symbols (Function) Cultural Interpretations of Symbols (Perspective) Symbolism in Human Reflection (Reflection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Curiosity about space leads to exploration.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> The Interconnectedness of the Solar System (Form) The Sun as an Energy Source (Connection) Atmosphere (Function) Advancements in Space Exploration (Reflection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Leaders and citizens build communities.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Rights and Responsibilities of a citizen (Form/Responsibility) Leadership within a Community (Function) Collaborative Decision Making (Causation/Reflection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> The cultivation of plants is essential to our lives.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Conditions that Impact Plant Growth (Causation) Uses of Plants (Function) Agricultural Methods (Responsibility/Change)</p>
2	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Diversity can enrich local culture.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Relationship between diversity and culture (Connection) Influences of Culture on Everyday Life (Reflection) How Lifestyles Change Over Time (Change)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> People use historical evidence to explore and reveal the past.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Artifacts vs. Fossils (Form) Interpreting Artifacts (Connection) What Others Will Learn From our Time (Reflection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Sounds communicate messages in different ways.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> The Science of How Sound is Heard (Perspective) How Sound Can Be Interpreted (Reflection) Uses of Sound (Perspective/Connection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> The composition of the Earth provides resources.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Types of Rocks and Soil (Form) The Ways we use Rocks and Soil (Function/Change) Renewable vs. Nonrenewable (Responsibility)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Understanding geography allows people to navigate the world.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Five Themes of Geography (Connection) Natural and Manmade Landforms (Form) Identifying and using map elements (Function) Purpose of Maps (Connection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Peaceful relationships are created through shared understanding and respect.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Fair vs. Equal (Form) Causes of Conflict (Reflection) How to Communicate (Function) Strategies to create Peaceful Relationships (Perspective)</p>
1	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Informed choices lead to a balanced lifestyle.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> How Decisions are Made (Function) How responsibilities and values impact choice (Responsibility) The role of safety in Decision Making (Reflection) Consequences of Actions on a Balanced Lifestyle (Form/Reflection)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Homes reflect personal identity and culture.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> House vs. Home (Reflection) Types of Homes (Form/Change) How the Environment Impacts a Home (Causation)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Stories reflect cultural beliefs and values.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Different Ways to Tell Stories (Perspective) Reasons we Tell Stories (Reflection/Responsibility) Stories are Adapted (Change)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Cycles and patterns develop our understanding of the world.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Natural Cycles (Form) How Cycles Change Over Time (Function/Change) The Impact of Cycles on Our Everyday Lives (Causation)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Individuals can use money to fulfill their needs and wants.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Production of Goods and Services (Function) Currency (Form) Personal Finances (Responsibility)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Man's relationship with the environment can impact living organisms.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Animal Habitats (Form/Connection) Uses of the Natural Environment (Form) How Man Alters the Landscape (Change)</p>
K	<p><b>Central Idea</b> People of the world are similar, yet unique.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> All About Me (Form/Connection) Exploring Differences (Connection) Ways of Life (Perspective)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Life stories teach us about ourselves and others.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Events in My Life (Change) Family History (Responsibility) Heroes (Perspective)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Events and people are honored and celebrated in different ways.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Reasons for recognition (Causation) How we Choose to Celebration (Perspective) Honor and Respect (Form/Function)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Weather determines the path of our daily lives.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Weather Patterns (Change) Weather Tools (Form) Ways to Prepare (Function)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Individuals fulfill the demands of a community.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Needs of a Community (Perspective) Types of Jobs (Form/Connection) Volunteering (Responsibility)</p>	<p><b>Central Idea</b> Living things grow and change.</p> <p><b>An inquiry into...</b> Characteristics of Living Things (Form) Basic Needs for Growth and Survival (Form) Our Responsibility to Living Things (Responsibility)</p>