



Who We Are

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.

6th planner

Central Idea:

People's choices affect their health

Lines of Inquiry:

- Impacts of choices (Function)
- Influences on our choices (Perspective)
- Choosing a healthy lifestyle (Responsibility)

Where We Are In Place and Time

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.

2nd planner

Central Idea:

Humans' migration is a response to people's need

Lines of Inquiry:

- Reasons people migrate from one place to another (Causation)
- The challenges for immigrants and their new communities (Change)
- The interconnectedness of immigrants and communities (Connection)

How We Express Ourselves

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.

1st planner

Central Idea:

People tell stories for different reasons

Lines of Inquiry:

- Characteristics of different genres (Form)
- Analyzing author's purpose (Perspective)
- Similarities and differences in genres (Reflection)

How the World Works

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.

5th planner

Central Idea:

Living organisms have needs that must be met to survive

Lines of Inquiry:

- Similarities and differences between living organisms (Reflection)
- Meeting the needs of living organisms (Causation)
- Human impact (Responsibility)

How We Organize Ourselves

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.

4th planner

Central Idea:

People use measurement systems to organize their lives

Lines of Inquiry:

- History of measurement (Connection)
- Different types of measurement (Form)
- Real world connection (Function)

Sharing the Planet

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.

3rd planner

Central Idea:

Water is a finite resource that is shared among communities

Lines of Inquiry:

- Sources of water (Connection)
- Humans effect on water as a resource (Causation)
- Water conservation (Responsibility)