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K	<p>Central Idea: Children worldwide are the same and different. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cultural characteristics • physical characteristics • similarities and differences between people <p>Key Concepts: Form, Connection, Perspective Related concepts: Culture, Identity Learner Profile: Open-minded, Balanced</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd</p>	<p>Central Idea: People use places and space for a variety of purposes. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of space • changes of places • development <p>Key Concepts: Function, Causation, Change Related concepts: Spatial Organization, Location, Human Environments Learner Profile: Knowledgeable</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5th</p>	<p>Central Idea: Actors use drama to represent stories to an audience. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elements of story • role of actors • role of the audience <p>Key Concepts: Change, Perspective, Reflection Related concepts: Communication Learner Profile: Risk-takers, Communicators</p>	<p>Central Idea: Scientists observe the world. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • framing questions • methods of observation • methods of data collection <p>Key Concepts: Form, Function, Reflection Related concepts: Systems, Patterns, Organization Learner Profile: Inquirer, Thinker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd</p>	<p>Central Idea: School is a place we learn. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • function of different locations • factors that influence learning • routines and movement <p>Key Concepts: Function, Causation, Responsibility Systems, Physical Environment, Public Space Learner Profile: Caring, Principled</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st</p>	<p>Central Idea: Plants and animals interact in a habitat. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • features of a habitat • impact of humans on a habitat • relationships within a habitat <p>Key Concepts: Form, Connection, Responsibility Related concepts: Interdependence, Systems Learner Profile: Reflective</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6th</p>

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1	<p>Central Idea: Factors influence how families live.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • similarities and differences of factors that affect families • wants and needs • impact of physical environments <p>Key Concepts: Connection, Causation, Perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: Culture, Identity, Values and Beliefs</p> <p>Learner Profile: Reflective</p>	<p>Central Idea: Families change over time.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family lineage • significant family events • changing roles and responsibilities <p>Key Concepts: Change, Causation, Responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Change, Quality of Life, Identity</p> <p>Learner Profile: Open-minded</p>	<p>Central Idea: Music creates images of narratives and events.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • genres of music • turning stories into musical performances • contributing to group performances <p>Key Concepts: Form, Reflection, Responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Culture, Aesthetics</p> <p>Learner Profile: Balanced, Risk-taker</p>	<p>Central Idea: Matter with which we interact exists in 3 fundamental states: liquids, solids, and gases.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observing, describing, and recording • properties of liquids, solids, and gases • behaviors of liquids, solids, and gases <p>Key Concepts: Form, Function, Change</p> <p>Related concepts: Energy, Matter</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirer, Thinker</p>	<p>Central Idea: People and goods are transported in a variety of ways.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modes of transportation • factors that influence the types of transportation used • structure of transportation systems <p>Key Concepts: Form, Function, Connection, Causation</p> <p>Related concepts: Systems, Structure and Function</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable</p>	<p>Central Idea: People solve problems in a variety of ways.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • awareness and articulation of our own feelings and the feelings of others • tools people use to solve emotional problems • decisions we make affect how others feel <p>Key Concepts: Perspective, Responsibility, Reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: Cooperation, Interdependence</p> <p>Learner Profile: Caring, Communicator, Principled</p>

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2	<p>Central Idea: Nutrition and exercise impact an individual's health and well-being.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food we need to grow and remain healthy • the promotion of physical and mental well-being • healthy habits <p>Key Concepts: Causation, Function, Reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: Interdependence, Systems, Cause and Effect</p> <p>Learner Profile: Reflective, Knowledgeable, Balanced</p>	<p>Central Idea: Significant events in a person's life shape who they are.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant consequences • the impact of actions on others • factors that lead to consequences <p>Key Concepts: Causation, Connection</p> <p>Related concepts: Culture, Identity</p> <p>Learner Profile: Communicator, Reflective</p>	<p>Central Idea: Traditional tales are used to teach lessons.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • features and themes • understanding lessons • methods of solving problems <p>Key Concepts: Connection, Perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: Values and Beliefs, Identity, Systems</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Communicator, Risk-taker</p>	<p>Central Idea: An object's balance and motion can be described and changed.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describing position and motion • the effects of pushing and pulling • developing investigations to answer questions <p>Key Concepts: Function, Change, Reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: Pattern, Cause and Effect</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirers, Thinkers, Communicators</p>	<p>Central Idea: Members of communities have roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • membership in communities • roles and responsibilities in different communities • problems communities solve <p>Key Concepts: Form, Responsibility, Perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: Rights and Responsibilities</p> <p>Learner Profile: Open-minded, Principled, Caring</p>	<p>Central Idea: Living things use the Earth's materials.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the materials the earth creates • evidence of change in the earth • impact of the earth's forces <p>Key Concepts: Form, Connection, Change</p> <p>Related concepts: Physical Environment, Systems, Cause and Effect</p> <p>Learner Profile: Inquirer, Thinker, Risk-taker</p>

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3	<p>Central Idea: A person's beliefs and values shape who they are.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> where a person's beliefs and values come from how a person demonstrates their beliefs and values impact of individual beliefs and values on a community <p>Key Concepts: Connection, Perspective, Responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Culture, Diversity, Society</p> <p>Learner Profile: Communicator, Reflective</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st</p>	<p>Central Idea: Indigenous cultures around the world change over time.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> relationship between indigenous people and their environment effects of change over time of indigenous people similarities between various indigenous cultures around the world <p>Key Concepts: Change, Causation, Reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: Identity, Social Systems, Culture</p> <p>Learner Profile: Open-minded, Reflective</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd</p>	<p>Central Idea: Cultures express themselves through visual arts</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> elements of visual arts art around the world distinct and recognizable artistic styles <p>Key Concepts: Function, Connection, Perspective</p> <p>Learner Profile: Risk-taker, Balanced</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd</p>	<p>Central Idea: Water is a common and finite resource.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues regarding water in our community Treatment, distribution and conservation of water <p>Key Concepts: Function, Form, Responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Systems, System Models,</p> <p>Learner Profile: Thinker, Inquirer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th</p>	<p>Central Idea: Organizations use a variety of strategies to persuade society.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persuasive strategies methods of persuasion effects on decision making <p>Key Concepts: Change, Causation, Perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: Civilization, Diversity, Culture</p> <p>Learner Profile: Principled, Open-minded</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5th</p>	<p>Central Idea: Humans impact the health of ecosystems.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> similarities and differences between ecosystems threats to ecosystems conservation efforts <p>Key Concepts: Change, Reflection, Perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: Interdependence, Systems</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Risk-Takers, Open-Minded</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6th</p>

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4	<p>Central Idea: Humans are curious about the phenomena they observe in the natural world.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • methods of investigation • use of evidence • making connections <p>Key Concepts: Perspective, Responsibility, Reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: Identity, Values and Beliefs</p> <p>Learner Profile: Reflective, Principled, Balanced</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st</p>	<p>Central Idea: People have moved around and settle our planet.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical features that attract or repel • development and impact of regions and boundaries • opportunities <p>Key Concepts: Form, Change, Causation</p> <p>Related concepts: Migration, Immigration, Movement, Physical Environment and Attributes</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Inquirer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd</p>	<p>Central Idea: People use poetry to express their ideas, emotions, and beliefs</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forms of poetry • poet’s craft • purpose and value <p>Key Concepts: Form, Perspective, Reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: Precision, Aesthetics, Self-Awareness</p> <p>Learner Profile: Risk-taker, Communicator, Open-minded</p>	<p>Central Idea: Forces of nature can be used to do work.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • magnetic interactions • electric currents • The Engineering Design Process <p>Key Concepts: Function, Connection, Change</p> <p>Related concepts: System Models, Engineering, Technology,</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Thinker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd</p>	<p>Central Idea: Economics describes the exchange of goods and services.</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trading, bartering and monetary systems • supply and demand • perceptions of value <p>Key Concepts: Function, Connection, Perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: Value, Exchange Systems</p> <p>Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Inquirer</p>	<p>Central Idea: There are competing interests over resources.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Causation, Connection, Perspective, Responsibility</p> <p>An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses of resources • non-renewable resources • renewable resources <p>Key Concepts: Causation, Connection, Perspective, Responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Regulation, competition, Interdependence, Resources</p> <p>Learner Profile: Caring, communicator, Thinker</p>

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5	<p>Central Idea: People strive to change situations and circumstances. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> causes of revolution factors and consequences views of conflict <p>Key Concepts: Change, perspective, causation Related concepts: Politics, Political action, Power Learner Profile: Communicator, Open-minded 3rd</p>	<p>Central Idea: Human beings seek to explore the unknown for a variety of reasons. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> motivation and necessity of exploration benefits and burdens of exploration planning successes and failures <p>Key Concepts: Perspective, causation, change Related concepts: Territory, Boundary, Movement Learner Profile: Knowledgeable, Risk-taker 2nd</p>	<p>Central Idea: Ideas, feelings, beliefs, and values are expressed when people align themselves with issues, movements, and causes. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> action <p>The Exhibition 4th</p>	<p>Central Idea: Humans use energy and technology to solve problems. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> transferring energy adapting energy use of machines <p>Key Concepts: Causation, function, change Related concepts: System Models, Engineering, Technology, Citizen ship Learner Profile: Inquirer, Balanced 5th</p>	<p>Central Idea: Governments use structures to function. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> forms of government purpose of structures citizenship <p>Key Concepts: Form, responsibility, perspective, function Related concepts: Governmental systems, Regulation, Citizenship Learner Profile: Thinker, Principled 6th</p>	<p>Central Idea: Biotic and abiotic environmental factors affect each other. An Inquiry into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> biodiversity changes in the environment biotic and abiotic interactions <p>Key Concepts: Connection, causation, reflection Related concepts: Structure and Function, Systems, Cause and Effect Learner Profile: Caring, Reflective 1st</p>