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	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
PreK	Central idea Different characteristics make us unique. Lines of Inquiry • Characteristics of self • Recognizing differences/ similarities of myself and others • Appreciation of similarities and differences <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, function, perspective <u>Additional Concepts:</u> similarities, differences		Central idea Our feelings affect others. Lines of Inquiry • Recognizing our feelings • Communicating feelings • Getting along with each other <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, function, connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> feelings, expression, cooperation	Central idea Understanding the change in season helps us to understand our world. Lines of Inquiry • Exploring the seasons • Understanding seasonal changes • How to be safe and healthy in each season <u>Specified Concepts:</u> causation, change, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> seasonal change, well being		Central idea Living things depend on each other for survival. Lines of Inquiry • Exploring habitats • Plants and animals depend on each other • Contributing to the well-being of plants and animals <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, connection, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> interdependence, living things
K	Central idea Friendships can be formed in different places and for different purposes. Lines of Inquiry • Characteristics of friendship • Friendship roles & responsibilities • Friends in different places <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, function, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> roles, relationships		Central idea We discover and express ideas through art, music, reading, and writing. Lines of Inquiry • Exploring creative ideas • Communication through art, music, physical education, and Spanish • Using words and pictures to support ideas <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form perspective, connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> interpretation, creativity		Central idea Forces often develop patterns within relationships. Lines of Inquiry • The forces that shape our world • How patterns can change • How relationships influence our perspective <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, change, perspective <u>Additional Concepts:</u> influence, structure, growth	Central idea All living things share the Earth's resources. Lines of Inquiry • Exploring soil • Water as a resource • Our role in preserving resources <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, causation, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> Our role in preserving resources
1st	Central idea Our behavior helps us to develop relationships. Lines of Inquiry • Definition of character • Behaviors affect relationships • Impact of relationships <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, function, causation <u>Additional Concepts:</u> relationships, impact, behavior	Central idea Humankind's desire for improvement promotes change. Lines of Inquiry • Recognizing the relationship between needs and inventions • Impact of inventions • Inventions change <u>Specified Concepts:</u> connection, causation, change <u>Additional Concepts:</u> inventions, chronology	Central idea Communication is essential to connect with others. Lines of Inquiry • Definition of communication • Ways to communicate • Comparing and contrasting types of communication <u>Specified Concepts:</u> function, connection, perspective <u>Additional Concepts:</u> similarities, differences, voice	Central idea Environmental change influences living things. Lines of Inquiry • Climate • Adapting to change • Types of weather <u>Specified Concepts:</u> connection, causation, change <u>Additional Concepts:</u> climate change, adaptation	Central idea Maps help us to organize ourselves. Lines of Inquiry • Purpose of maps • Characteristics of maps • Interpreting maps <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, function, connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> location, map skills, properties	Central idea Sharing ourselves makes a difference in communities. Lines of Inquiry • Ways to share • Reciprocal nature of sharing • Outcomes of sharing <u>Specified Concepts:</u> responsibility, perspective, change <u>Additional Concepts:</u> beliefs, values
2nd	Central idea Geographic location affects how people live and their culture. Lines of Inquiry • Types of geographic features • How and where we live • Changes over time <u>Specified Concepts:</u> function, change,	Central idea Challenges can present risks and opportunities. Lines of Inquiry • Reasons for challenges • Challenges can lead a person to change • Challenges can lead a community to change	Central idea We gain awareness and appreciation by observing, exploring, and interacting with nature. Lines of Inquiry • Observing plants and animals • Interacting with plants and animals • Expressing appreciation for nature <u>Specified Concepts:</u> change, connection,	Central idea Observing the position of the sun, moon, earth, and stars helps us to understand the Earth's natural cycle. Lines of Inquiry • Position of sun and moon in relation to the Earth • Seasons around the world • Changes in the night sky <u>Specified Concepts:</u> causation, change,	Central idea Rules and laws are designed to organize society. Lines of Inquiry • Roles of citizens and lawmakers • Government organization • Connection between citizens and government <u>Specified Concepts:</u> function,	Central idea Living in harmony with others is a human responsibility. Lines of Inquiry • Costs and benefits of economic choices • Allocating goods and services • Spending and saving money <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, causation, connection

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	causation <u>Additional Concepts:</u> geography, culture	<u>Specified Concepts:</u> change perspective, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> settlements, moves	responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> nature, appreciation	connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> consequences, pattern	connection, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> structure, roles	<u>Additional Concepts:</u> economics, personal budgets
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3 rd	<u>Central idea</u> Actions can create change. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • People and events that promoted change • How change occurs • Impact of change <u>Specified Concepts:</u> causation, change, connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> history, impact	<u>Central idea</u> Exploration is the key to expansion. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Reasons for exploration • Effects of exploration • Evolution of exploration <u>Specified Concepts:</u> change, causation, connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> exploration, expansion	<u>Central idea</u> Creative expression is exhibited in visual, oral and written form. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Cultural expression in literature • Using visual arts to express ideas • Expressing appreciation for nature <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, connection, perspective <u>Additional Concepts:</u> self-expression, values	<u>Central idea</u> Decision making affects us in our everyday lives and in our environment. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Economic activity and its relation to our environment • Development and sources of thermal energy • Making informed choices <u>Specified Concepts:</u> connection, perspective, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> economics, energy	<u>Central idea</u> The needs of people and animals determine where they settle. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Reasons for colonization • How people affect animal habitats • Habitat locations <u>Specified Concepts:</u> change, connection, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> migration, colonization, habitats	<u>Central idea</u> Human action impacts the physical environment of our world. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Government and its relation to our environment • Rights and responsibilities of citizens • Impact of an individual's actions <u>Specified Concepts:</u> <u>Additional Concepts:</u>
4 th	<u>Central idea</u> Our actions reflect our beliefs and values. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Opposing beliefs and values and compromise • Impact of an individual's actions • Classification of an idea and its components <u>Specified Concepts:</u> function, causation, connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> values, beliefs, behavior	<u>Central idea</u> Patterns and systems shape societies, shape the universe, and evolve over time. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • The structure of patterns, governments, and planetary systems • How systems organize and connect different aspects of life • How patterns and systems evolve through time and discovery <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, change connection <u>Additional Concepts:</u> patterns, systems, power	<u>Central idea</u> Creativity is influenced by exposure to a variety of art forms. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Forms of creative expression • Creativity is influenced by perspective • Our creative expressions <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, function, perspective <u>Additional Concepts:</u> creativity, interpretation	<u>Central idea</u> Modern advancements change the way we live our daily lives. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Modern changes affect society • Modern advancements help us function more efficiently • People are responsible for creating advancements <u>Specified Concepts:</u> change, function, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> innovation, progress, design	<u>Central idea</u> Members of a society are affected by the decisions of their leaders. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Importance of social networks • Functions of government • Impact of weather on communities <u>Specified Concepts:</u> form, causation, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> impact, citizenship, systems	<u>Central idea</u> Expansion and exploration impact people and resources. <u>Lines of Inquiry</u> • Expansion in the United States • The use and misuse of resources • Modern expansions and explorations <u>Specified Concepts:</u> change, connection, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts:</u> actions, growth

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5 th	Central idea What we value becomes our focus. Lines of Inquiry •Building an understanding of our future • Future plans to better our world • Collaborating to support one another <u>Specified Concepts</u>: change, perspective, responsibility <u>Additional Concepts</u>: beliefs, values, collaboration	Central idea Change is the only constant. Lines of Inquiry • Long term effects of actions and choices • Exercising rights and responsibilities • Future implications of social change <u>Specified Concepts</u>: change, causation, connection <u>Additional Concepts</u>: consequences, revolution, prejudice	Central idea Discoveries and movements inspire new ways of thinking and expression. Lines of Inquiry • Discoveries and movements impact expression • How movements reflect their time • How discoveries and movements change ways of thinking <u>Specified Concepts</u>: form, connection, perspective <u>Additional Concepts</u>: opinion, interpretation, appreciation, classification	Central idea Communities follow patterns of growth and change. Lines of Inquiry • Change affects society and the natural world • Growth creates change • Unique features create connection <u>Specified Concepts</u>: change, causation, connection <u>Additional Concepts</u>: differences, impact, transformation	Central idea Systems and laws inform, guide, and regulate the lives of citizens. Lines of Inquiry • Human made systems affect individuals • Responsibilities and organizations shape our lives • Systems, structures, and functions regulate who we are <u>Specified Concepts</u>: form, function, connection <u>Additional Concepts</u>: growth, innovation, trade	Central idea Conflict can challenge relationships and perspectives. Lines of Inquiry • The ways power can shape relationships • How and why conflict can challenge perspectives • The influence of relationships on peaceful conflict resolution <u>Specified Concepts</u>: function, connection, causation <u>Additional Concepts</u>: power, transformation, influence
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