Who We Are: Connecting Culture to Our Environment

Central Idea

Our environment affects us in numerous ways

Learner Profile Attributes

Inquirer Knowledgable

Lines of Inquiry

Travel in different environments.

Environment can affect lives and relationships.

People come up with creative solutions to survive in their environment.

Key Concepts

Perspective Connection Change

Where We Are in Place and Time: Connections and Interactions

Central Idea

There are interconnections between plants and animals in their environments.

Key Concepts

Change Function Connection

Learner Profile Attributes

Knowledgable Thinker

Lines of Inquiry

It is important for plants and animals to depend on each other.

Living things in a habitat support one another.

The reintroduction of a species effect plants and animals in a habitat.

How We Express Ourselves: Heroes

Central Idea

A hero's actions affect other people.

Key Concepts

Form
Responsibility
Function

Learner Profile Attributes

Thinker Communicator

Lines of Inquiry

Elements that make a hero (the characteristics, beliefs, actions and deeds that classify people as heroes).

Challenges turn ordinary people into heroes.

Kinds of actions that can be heroic. (Heroes' actions affect other people).

How the World Works: Impactful Events

Central Idea

Communities evolve and change over time.

Key Concepts

Change
Connection
Causation
Responsibility

Learner Profile Attributes

Principled
Open-Minded

Lines of Inquiry

Big ideas change communities.

A leader's experiences can inspire and ignite change.

Individuals can improve a community.

People support each other in difficult times.

How We Organize Ourselves: China

Central Idea

Communities evolve and change over time.

Key Concepts

Causation
Change
Connection
Responsibility

Learner Profile Attributes

Caring Risk Taker

Lines of Inquiry

In China the government and the economy are interconnected.

Chinese inventions and culture have shaped modern day life.

The geographical features and the environment have influenced the development of China.

Sharing the Planet: Solutions

Central Idea

People can find solutions to overcome world challenges.

Key Concepts

Causation
Change
Connection
Responsibility

Learner Profile Attributes

Balanced Reflective

Lines of Inquiry

People can find solutions for difficult challenges.

Nature can change people's lives.

Changes on Earth affect the environment.