5th Grade Program of Inquiry

2 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.	3 Where We Are in Place & 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	4 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	5 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	6 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	An inquiry into our 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
Central idea: Sayings & songs can be a reflection of a society's culture and beliefs. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Function: How certain cultures and beliefs help a society function Connection: Help us understand each other's culture Perspective: Learning about a society's culture and beliefs through different points of views Related Concepts: society, beliefs, culture Learner Profile attributes: thinkers, communicators,	Central idea: Conflict and compromise affect human relationships. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Function: How certain cultures and beliefs help a society function? Connection: Help us understand each other's culture Perspective: Learning about a society culture and beliefs through different points of views. Related Concepts: conflict, organization, relationships Learner Profile attributes: inquirers, communicators,	Exhibition Central Idea: Our need to act on our beliefs and ideas drives us to develop effective ways to communicate.	Central idea: Cycles have common characteristics which can be seen in everyday life. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Function: Does everything have cycle? Causation: Why do we create a cycle? Connection: What is the impact of a cycle? Related Concepts: cycle, pattern, organism Learner Profile attributes: knowledgeable, communicators, reflective, balanced	Central idea: Structure determines systems. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Form: Different forms of systems Function: The structure/function of each system Change: Evolutions of systems Related Concepts: Government: power, laws/rules, structure Learner Profile attributes: thinker, inquirer, caring	Central idea: Human migration affects places and/or cultures. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Connection: Introduction of non-native people to areas other than where they were born. Function: Different reasons for immigrating Causation: Effects of immigration Related Concepts: habitat, interdependence, adaptation Learner Profile attributes: Communicators, Knowledgeable, Reflective, Risk-Takers

inquirers

reflective, principled