

PS56 Lewis H. Latimer Program of Inquiry 2023-2024

13K056 Program of Inquiry

Fifth Grade

	Who We Are	Where We Are In Place and Time	Sharing the Planet	How We Express Ourselves	How We Organize Ourselves	How the World Works
	<i>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.</i>	<i>An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationship between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.</i>	<i>An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>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.</i>
5th	<p>Central Idea: Culture, our family's history, and our identities shape who we are as individuals.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form Connection Change</p> <p>Related Concepts: Relationships, Truths, Growth, Influence, Identity</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: Different aspects of identity (e.g. name, family, culture, interests)</p> <p>How our identities are shaped by experiences and relationships</p> <p>Similarities and differences among identities in the class and globally.</p>	<p>Central Idea: Exploration leads to discoveries, opportunities, challenges, and new understandings.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Change Causation Responsibility Connection</p> <p>Related Concepts: Innovation, Influence, Risk, Exploration, Adaptation</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: The reasons why people migrate around the world- past and present</p> <p>Geologic history of the Western Hemisphere and the impact on today's society (Perspective)</p> <p>History, geography, and culture have evolved over time, shaping its identity and impact on the world.</p>	<p>Central Idea: Individuals and communities have a responsibility to take action and protect the world</p> <p>Key Concepts: Change Causation Responsibility</p> <p>Related Concepts: Interdependence, Adaptation, Conservation, Environment</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: Natural resources</p> <p>Human activities impact the world's natural resources</p> <p>Ways people can protect the world</p>	<p>Central Idea: Self-expression takes various forms and is a reflection of who we are.</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form Connection Perspective</p> <p>Related Concepts: Identity, Relationships, Subjectivity</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: Forms of Self-Expression</p> <p>Cultural Perspectives on Self-Expression</p> <p>Connection through Self-Expression</p>	<p>Central Idea: Different human-made systems influence our lives</p> <p>Key Concepts: Function Responsibility</p> <p>Related Concepts: Choice, Impact, Consequences</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: How government systems function</p> <p>Rights and responsibilities of citizens</p> <p>How decision-making policies advocate for human rights</p>	<p>Central Idea: Our planet has changed over time and is still changing</p> <p>Key Concepts: Form Causation Connection</p> <p>Related Concepts: Pattern, Impact, Interdependence,</p> <p>Lines of Inquiry: The different materials that make up the Earth and its structures</p> <p>The interactions among the Earth's systems</p> <p>Changes in Earth's spheres impact humans</p>