

Program of Inquiry - Norgate Xwemélch'stn Community Elementary

Gr 7	Who We Are beliefs and values	Where We Are in Place and Time the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind	How We Express Ourselves the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity	How the World Works the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies	How We Organize the structure and function of organizations	Sharing the Planet peace and conflict resolution
Central Idea	Self-determination comes from being conscious of the influences on our identity.	Our past, present, and future are shaped by natural selection	Fulfillment comes from challenges that require our creative personality	The development of complex societies was influenced by place and climate	Systems of government are continually forged by struggles for power	How societies respond to systemic shocks determines their longevity
Key Concepts	causation form perspective	form causation connection	responsibility causation form	function causation responsibility	form connection perspective	connection responsibility change
Related Concepts	identity character	evolution selection diversity	creativity motivation fulfillment	civilization wealth resources	power conflict rules and laws	sustainability resources choice
Subject Areas	Language Physical, Social, Personal Social Studies	Social Studies Science Language	Language Arts Physical, Social, Personal	Social Studies Science	Social Studies Language	Science Social Studies
Lines of Inquiry	human psychology and media consumption how advertising is planned and constructed the impact of media messages	the anthropological origins of humans evolution by natural selection applications and implications of evolution	creativity in the arts creativity outside the arts the psychology of the flow state	Global patterns in the development of complex societies Societies and climate change over time Civilizations and wealth and power	the political spectrum what government structures reveal role of speeches in shaping power	climate over geological time societal decline and collapse decision making in the face of crisis