

MYP Global Contexts

Global Context	Focus Questions and Descriptions	Examples of Explorations
Identities and relationships	<p>Who am I? Who are we?</p> <p>Students will explore identity; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities and cultures; what it means to be human.</p>	<p>Possible explorations to develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition and cooperation; teams, affiliation and leadership • Identity formation; self-esteem; status; roles and role models • Personal efficacy and agency; attitudes, motivation, independence; happiness and the good life • Physical, psychological and social development; transitions; health and well-being; lifestyle choices • Human nature and human dignity; moral reasoning and ethical judgment;

		consciousness and mind
Orientation in space and time	<p>What is the meaning of “where” and “when”?</p> <p>Students will explore personal histories; homes and journeys; turning points in humankind; discoveries; explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between, and the interconnectedness of, individuals and civilizations, from personal, local and global perspectives.</p>	<p>Possible explorations to develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilizations and social histories, heritage, pilgrimage, migration, displacement and exchange • Epochs, eras, turning points and “big history” • Scale, duration, frequency and variability • Peoples, boundaries, exchange and interaction • Natural and human landscapes and resources • Evolution, constraints and adaptation
Personal and cultural expression	What is the nature and purpose of	Possible explorations to develop

	<p>creative expression?</p> <p>Students will explore 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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artistry, craft, creation, beauty • Products, systems and institutions • Social constructions of reality; philosophies and ways of life; belief systems; ritual and play • Critical literacy, languages and linguistic systems; histories of ideas, fields and disciplines; analysis and argument • Metacognition and abstract thinking • Entrepreneurship, practice and competency
<p>Scientific and technical innovation</p>	<p>How do we understand the world in which we live?</p> <p>Students will explore the natural world and its laws; the interaction</p>	<p>Possible explorations to develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems, models, methods; products, processes and

	<p>between people and the natural world; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on communities and environments; the impact of environments on human activity; how humans adapt environments to their needs.</p>	<p>solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation, ingenuity and progress • Opportunity, risk, consequences and responsibility • Modernization, industrialization and engineering • Digital life, virtual environments and the Information Age • The biological revolution • Mathematical puzzles, principles and discoveries
<p>Globalization and sustainability</p>	<p>How is everything connected?</p> <p>Students will explore the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the relationship between local and global processes; how local</p>	<p>Possible explorations to develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markets, commodities and commercialization • Human impact on the

	<p>experiences mediate the global; the opportunities and tensions provided by world-interconnectedness; the impact of decision-making on humankind and the environment.</p>	<p>environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonality, diversity and interconnection • Consumption, conservation, natural resources and public goods • Population and demography • Urban planning, strategy and infrastructure
<p>Fairness and development</p>	<p>What are the consequences of our common humanity?</p> <p>Students will explore rights and responsibilities; the relationship between communities; sharing finite resources with other people and with other living things; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.</p>	<p>Possible explorations to develop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy, politics, government and civil society • Inequality, difference and inclusion • Human capability and development; social entrepreneurs • Rights, law, civic responsibility

		<p>and the public sphere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justice, peace and conflict management• Power and privilege• Authority, security and freedom• Imagining a hopeful future
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