

| | Who We Are | Where We Are in Place and Time | How We Express Ourselves | How the World Works | How We Organize Ourselves | Sharing the Planet |
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| Threes | Making connections with people and places helps us understand ourselves. <small>connection causation change</small> | | Words and pictures connect us to ideas and feelings. <small>form perspective reflection</small> | Movement causes change. <small>causation function change</small> | | People and animals impact each other. <small>form connection responsibility</small> |
| Fours | Families display unique characteristics. <small>form change responsibility</small> | | Communication impacts our interactions and relationships with others. <small>causation perspective responsibility</small> | Living things grow and change over time. <small>form change causation</small> | People connect through their roles in a community. <small>connection reflection responsibility</small> | |
| K | Friendships require care to develop and grow. <small>causation responsibility</small> | Learning about the past helps us understand the present. <small>causation perspective</small> | Light and dark impact thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. <small>change reflection</small> | Simple machines impact our lives. <small>form function causation</small> | We are part of many interrelated communities. <small>form connection</small> | Living things are suited to their environment. <small>connection change function</small> |
| 1 | Students are citizens of our school. <small>responsibility causation</small> | Available resources have been impacted by changes in the Earth. <small>change causation</small> | Stories teach lessons and help us connect. <small>connection perspective</small> | Understanding the special characteristics of animals helps people support their survival. <small>form connection</small> | Communities depend on goods and services that people provide. <small>form function connection</small> | People use the Earth's resources to produce and provide food. <small>change causation function</small> |
| 2 | Appreciating our own and others' cultures helps us communicate. <small>perspective reflection connection</small> | The world can be represented in a variety of ways. <small>function connection perspective</small> | Our brains experience sounds in meaningful ways. <small>reflection causation perspective</small> | Changing weather and seasons affect life. <small>causation change connection</small> | Communication and transportation connect societies. <small>form function connection</small> | People can establish practices to sustain the Earth's resources. <small>responsibility change reflection</small> |
| 3 | Understanding how body systems work impacts personal choices. <small>function causation reflection</small> | Scientific advances lead to exploration and discovery. <small>perspective connection causation</small> | Creativity and imagination allow for communication and problem-solving. <small>reflection form</small> | Earth is part of a complex universe. <small>connection form change</small> | Citizens make choices to support their community and its members. <small>connection responsibility change</small> | Nature relies on maintaining the balance of systems. <small>connection responsibility</small> |
| 4 | Migration is a response to challenges, risks, and opportunities. <small>perspective connection causation</small> | Earth experiences geological change over time. <small>change causation form</small> | Media influences our world. <small>causation function perspective</small> | The physical laws of forces and motion affect objects. <small>form function causation</small> | People have organized governmental structures throughout history. <small>function connection responsibility</small> | Human decisions are interrelated with the Earth's changing surface and climate. <small>connection change responsibility</small> |
| 5 | Living things adapt and evolve to survive. <small>causation function change form</small> | Decisions about money affect everyday lives. <small>form responsibility causation</small> | People express beliefs and values in different ways. <small>responsibility connection</small> | The world is made up of matter and energy. <small>form causation change</small> | Global organizations and systems are established to resolve complex issues and maintain peace. <small>connection responsibility causation</small> | Students engage in a collaborative, transdisciplinary inquiry process that involves working in a group to identify, investigate, and offer solutions to real-life issues or problems. |

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