

St. Clement PYP Program of Inquiry

K WHO WE ARE

People's identity consists of unique characteristics

An Inquiry into:

- Physical uniqueness
- Personal characteristics evolve over time
 - How families are unique

K HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Creative response stems from imagination and self-expression

An Inquiry into:

- Personal feelings
- Different ways of communication
 - Creativity and Imagination

K HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES

Communities involve roles and responsibilities

An Inquiry into:

- Common characteristics of communities
 - Roles people play in communities
- Safety and responsibility in a community

K SHARING THE PLANET

Stewardship helps people deepen their relationships with all things

An Inquiry into:

- The act of noticing
 - Patterns in the environment
- Living things on the earth are connected

People sense and respond to stimuli

An Inquiry into:

- The function of the five senses
- Response to stimuli in the environment
 - Safety for self and others

1 WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Inclusion of people in a community contributes to its diversity

An Inquiry into:

- Traditions celebrated in communities
- Identity and belonging in a community
 - Diversity of cultural groups

1 HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Art can be a medium to discover meaning and express feelings

An Inquiry into:

- The effects feelings have on producing art
- Inspiration for art can come from different places
 - Mediums have purpose in art products

1 HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Changes in the environment happen through natural and human interactions

An Inquiry into:

- Transformation of materials
- Change in the environment
- Interactions that affect change

1 HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES

Structure and purpose can enhance communication

An Inquiry into:

- Language expresses meaning through sounds and symbols
 - Words we use in social contexts
 - Cultural links to mother tongue language

1 SHARING THE PLANET

The rights and responsibilities of humans affect living things survival in their surroundings

An Inquiry into:

- Unique adaptations of living things
 - Living things are interconnected
 - Human actions affect living things

Learning about ourselves and others nurtures identity and a sense of belonging

An Inquiry into:

- Strengths and gifts of self and others
- Individuals as part of a larger community
 - What it means to belong

Knowledge of the past provides insight into the present

An Inquiry into:

- Factors and events that have led to change in structures within a community
 - Community response to change
- Reflecting on the past helps us understand the present world

**Personal experiences may provide inspiration to create
and appreciate**

An Inquiry into:

- Mediums that allow for expression
 - Discovering inspiration
 - Appreciation of creation

Living things adapt and change in order to survive

An Inquiry into:

- Life cycles of living things
- Habitat and communities of living things impact survival
 - Connections between animals and humans

Services within communities are designed to meet people's needs

An Inquiry into:

- Needs within a community
- Location influences goods and services within communities
 - Access to services affects quality of life

Communities are affected by the cooperation of their members

An Inquiry into:

- Different roles and responsibilities within groups are based upon individual strengths
 - Relationships are strengthened by cooperation
- Interaction between and within communities affects growth

4 WHO WE ARE

Choices made in virtual and social settings influence health and well-being

An Inquiry into:

- Safe communication in virtual and physical settings
 - Healthy interactions develop positive relationships
- Emotional well-being is connected to the choices we make

4 WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Settlements are formed around cultural similarities

An Inquiry into:

- The role of language in a culture
- The interactions of different cultures causes shifts
 - How communities preserve their past

4 HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Messages are expressed through the performing arts

An Inquiry into:

- How messages are communicated
- Compare and contrast types of performing arts
- How messages connect to our ideas and beliefs

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HOW THE WORLD WORKS

People use ways of knowing to build and create

An Inquiry into:

- Simple techniques and tools in building devices
 - Past designs influence new discoveries
- The scientific method informs new hypothesis

4 HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES

People organize themselves through systems

An Inquiry into:

- Number systems are integral to daily life
 - Origins of numbers systems
- How systems are connected to numbers
 - Disposal systems

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SHARING THE PLANET

Sustainable management of waste impacts ways of life

An Inquiry into:

- Types of wastes that are produced in our community
 - Why we reduce, reuse and recycle materials
 - Responsible consumption and production

Personal health and well-being depend on the choices people make

An Inquiry into:

- Factors that contribute to a healthy lifestyle
- Skills that promote positive interactions and choices
- Using resources effectively to manage personal health

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WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Human migration is a response to challenges, risks and opportunities.

An Inquiry into:

- Push and pull factors for migration
 - Migration throughout history
 - Effects of migration on society

5 HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Poetry enhances communication and creativity

An Inquiry into:

- Elements and structure of poems and poetic devices
 - Communicating messages through poetry
- Influence of expressed ideas and feeling on society

Changes in atmospheric conditions impact societies

An Inquiry into:

- Observing and measuring weather
- Cause and effect of atmospheric conditions
- The impact of changes in weather and climate

5 HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES

Social change and economic decision making shapes ways of life.

An Inquiry into:

- Women's suffrage movement
 - Cycles of booms and busts
 - Economic decision making

Symbiotic relationships exist within ecosystems

An Inquiry into:

- Organisms within a wetland ecosystem
- Adaptations result from a changing ecosystem
- Preserving and enhancing wetland habitats