

Theme: Global Challenges / *Les défis mondiaux*

Recommended Contexts:

- Diversity Issues / *La tolérance*
- Economic Issues / *L'économie*
- Environmental Issues / *L'environnement*
- Health Issues / *La santé*
- Human Rights / *Les droits de l'être humain*
- Nutrition and Food Safety / *L'alimentation*
- Peace and War / *La paix et la guerre*

Overarching Essential Questions:

- What environmental, political, and social issues propose challenges to societies throughout the world?
- What are the origins of those issues?
- What are possible solutions to those challenges?

Theme: Science and Technology / *La science et la technologie*

Recommended Contexts:

- Current Research Topics / *La recherche et ses nouvelles frontières*
- Discoveries and Inventions / *Les découvertes et les inventions*
- Ethical Questions / *Les choix moraux*
- Future Technologies / *L'avenir de la technologie*
- Intellectual Property / *La propriété intellectuelle*
- The New Media / *Les nouveaux moyens de communication*
- Social Impact of Technology / *La technologie et ses effets sur la société*

Overarching Essential Questions:

- How do developments in science and technology affect our lives?
- What factors have driven innovation and discovery in the fields of science and technology?
- What role does ethics play in scientific advancement?

Theme: Contemporary Life / *La vie contemporaine*

Recommended Contexts:

- Advertising and Marketing / *La publicité et le marketing*
- Education / *L'éducation et l'enseignement*
- Holidays and Celebrations / *Les fêtes*
- Housing and Shelter / *Le logement*
- Leisure and Sports / *Les loisirs et le sport*
- Professions / *Le monde du travail*
- Rites of Passage / *Les rites de passage*
- Travel / *Les voyages*

Overarching Essential Questions:

- How do societies and individuals define quality of life?
- How is contemporary life influenced by cultural products, practices, and perspectives?
- What are the challenges of contemporary life?

Theme: Personal and Public Identities / *La quête de soi***Recommended Contexts:**

- Alienation and Assimilation / *L'alienation et l'assimilation*
- Beliefs and Values / *Les croyances et les systemes de valeurs*
- Gender and Sexuality / *La sexualite*
- Language and Identity / *L'identite linguistique*
- Multiculturalism / *Le pluriculturalisme*
- Nationalism and Patriotism / *Le nationalisme et le patriotisme*

Overarching Essential Questions:

- How are aspects of identity expressed in various situations?
- How do language and culture influence identity?
- How does one's identity develop over time?

Theme: Families and Communities / *La famille et la communauté***Recommended Contexts:**

- Age and Class / *Les rapports sociaux*
- Childhood and Adolescence / *L'enfance et l'adolescence*
- Citizenship / *La citoyennete*
- Customs and Ceremonies / *Les coutumes*
- Family Structures / *La famille*
- Friendship and Love / *L'amicie et l'amour*

Overarching Essential Questions:

- What constitutes a family in different societies?
- How do individuals contribute to the well-being of communities?
- How do the roles that families and communities assume differ in societies around the world?

Theme: Beauty and Aesthetics / *L'esthétique***Recommended Contexts:**

- Architecture / *L'architecture*
- Contributions to World Artistic Heritage / *Le patrimoine*
- Ideals of Beauty / *Le beau*
- Literature / *Les arts litteraires*
- Music / *La musique*

- Performing Arts / *Les arts du spectacle*
- Visual Arts / *Les arts visuels*

Overarching Essential Questions:

- How are perceptions of beauty and creativity established?
- How do ideals of beauty and aesthetics influence daily life?
- How do the arts both challenge and reflect cultural perspectives?