



What is Mark Twain's Programme of Inquiry?

Every IB World School creates a **Programme of Inquiry** that maps the 6 themes students explore each year. The Programme consists of **Units of Inquiry** that teachers create, develop and revise continually to integrate students' inquiry and current interests. We vertically align our Programme of Inquiry annually to ensure that our students experience a balance of subject specific knowledge, conceptual understandings and skills, alongside opportunities to develop the attributes of the IB Learner Profile.

The six transdisciplinary themes capture human commonalities and organize authentic and meaningful connections. The themes are:

- **Who We Are** – an inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relations including families, friends, communities and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.
- **Where We Are In Place & Time** - an inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes & journeys: the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.
- **How we Express Ourselves** – an inquiry into 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.
- **How the World Works** – an inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.
- **How We Organize Ourselves** – an inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.
- **Sharing the Planet** - an inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.

Here is a link to Mark Twain's Programme of Inquiry

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