

# Unit of inquiry planner

(Primary years)

# OVERVIEW

Grade/Year level:	3	Collaborative teaching team:	Marin, Ordonez, Alcantar, Aguilar, DeDios, Vidal
Date:	5/13/2021	Timeline: (continued investigation, revisiting once, or numerous times, discrete beginning and ending, investigating in parallel with others)	

## Transdisciplinary theme

(Type Transdisciplinary theme here.)

Who we are

## Central idea

Experiences and beliefs shape a person's actions

## Lines of inquiry

- Individuals are responsible for their decisions
- People's knowledge contribute to society
- How rights and responsibilities differ around the world

## Key concepts

Responsibility, reflection, causation

## Related concepts

Form, connection, reflection

## Learner profile attributes

- Balanced, reflective, inquirer, knowledge

## Approaches to learning

- Social skills
- Thinking skills
- Self-management skills
- Research



## Action

- Students will create their spending and savings plan
- Students will create an invention

# Prompts: Overview



## Transdisciplinary theme

Which parts of the transdisciplinary theme will the unit of inquiry focus on?



## Central idea

Does the central idea invite inquiry and support students' conceptual understandings of the transdisciplinary theme?



## Lines of inquiry

What teacher questions and provocations will inform the lines of inquiry?

Do the lines of inquiry:

- clarify and develop understanding of the central idea?
- define the scope of the inquiry and help to focus learning and teaching?



## Key concepts

Do the key concepts focus the direction of the inquiry and provide opportunities to make connections across, between and beyond subjects?



## Related concepts

Do the related concepts provide a lens for conceptual understandings within a specific subject?



## Learner profile attributes

What opportunities will there be to develop, demonstrate and reinforce the learner profile?

- Balanced
- Reflective
- Inquirer
- Knowledge



## Approaches to learning

What authentic opportunities are there for students to develop and demonstrate approaches to learning?

- Social skills
- Research
- Thinking skills
- Self-management skills



## Action

What opportunities are there for building on prior learning to support potential student-initiated action?

# REFLECTING AND PLANNING

## Initial reflections

- Teacher will show students different forms of payments (currency, checks, credit card, etc) to create a discussion about expenses and decisions.
- Teacher will facilitate a discussion about how experiences and beliefs shape a person's actions

## Prior learning

- Informal Observations
- KWL Chart
- Oral discussions

## Connections: Transdisciplinary and past

- Connections across subjects between the ways organisms adapt to survive in their life cycles.
- The way we express ourselves connects between being a good citizen.
- Student decisions can impact your future.

## Learning goals and success criteria

- Student will develop an understanding of their responsibilities as a citizen
- Students will have an understanding of financial literacy

## Teacher questions

- What is a cycle?
- How do our beliefs impact others?
- What does it mean to make good decisions?
- How could you plan for your future?

## Student questions

- What are your beliefs?
- What experiences have you had in your life that you remember?
- How do actions affect people?

# Prompts: Reflecting and planning

## Initial reflections

How can our initial reflections inform all learning and teaching in this unit of inquiry?

## Prior learning

How are we assessing students' prior knowledge, conceptual understandings and skills?

How are we using data and evidence of prior learning to inform planning?

How does our planning embrace student language profiles?

## Connections: Transdisciplinary and past

Connections to past and future learning, inside and outside the programme of inquiry

What connections are there to learning within and outside the unit of inquiry?

What opportunities are there for students to develop conceptual understandings to support the transfer of learning across, between and beyond subjects?

How can we ensure that learning is purposeful and connects to local and global challenges and opportunities?

## Learning goals and success criteria

What is it we want students to know, understand and be able to do? How are learning goals and success criteria co-constructed between teachers and students?

## Teacher questions

What teacher questions and provocations will inform the lines of inquiry?

## Student questions

What student questions, prior knowledge, existing theories, experiences and interests will inform the lines of inquiry?

# DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING

## Unit of inquiry and/or subject specific inquiry (inside/outside programme of inquiry)

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### Designing engaging learning experiences

Provocation:

Reading: Students will write about an experience that changed their life

Math: Students will create a financial literacy project

Science: Students will explore about organism life cycles

Social Studies: Students will reflect on their rights and responsibilities in their community



### Supporting student agency

#### Voice, Choice, Ownership

Take action to make changes in your class, school, and community.



### Teacher and student questions

- What have you learned about your life and your choices?



### Ongoing assessment

- Journal Writing
- Classroom discussions



### Making flexible use of resources

- A wide range of financial literacy situations
- Online resources (videos about life cycles and organisms adapting)
- Examples of responsibilities and good choices

Student self-assessment and peer feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rubrics for financial literacy projects</li><li>• Student presentations</li></ul>
Ongoing reflections for all teachers	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is there a change in student choices?</li></ul>
Additional subject specific reflections	
	N/A



# Prompts: Designing and implementing



## Designing engaging learning experiences

What experiences will facilitate learning?

For all learning this means:

- developing questions, provocations and experiences that support knowledge and conceptual understandings
- creating authentic opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate approaches to learning and attributes of the learner profile
- building in flexibility to respond to students' interests, inquiries, evolving theories and actions
- integrating languages to support multilingualism
- identifying opportunities for independent and collaborative learning, guided and scaffolded learning, and learning extension.



## Supporting student agency

How do we recognize and support student agency in learning and teaching?

For all learning this means:

- involving students as active participants in, and as co-constructors of, their learning
- developing students' capacity to plan, reflect and assess, in order to self-regulate and self-adjust learning
- supporting student-initiated inquiry and action.



## Questions

### Teacher questions

What additional teacher questions and provocations are emerging from students' evolving theories?

### Student questions

What student questions are emerging from students' evolving theories?



## Ongoing assessment

What evidence will we gather about students' emerging knowledge, conceptual understandings and skills?

How are we monitoring and documenting learning against learning goals and success criteria?

How are we using ongoing assessment to inform planning, and the grouping and regrouping of students?



## Making flexible use of resources

How will resources add value and purpose to learning?

For all learning this means:

- the thoughtful use of resources, both in and beyond the learning community to enhance and extend learning. This might include time, people, places, technologies, learning spaces and physical materials.



## Student self-assessment and peer feedback

What opportunities are there for students to receive teacher and peer feedback?

How do students engage with this feedback to self-assess and self-adjust their learning?



## Ongoing reflections

For all teachers

- How are we responding to students' emerging questions, theories, inquiries and interests throughout the inquiry?
- How are we supporting opportunities for student-initiated action throughout the inquiry?
- How can we ensure that learning is purposeful and authentic and/or connects to real-life challenges and opportunities?
- How are we nurturing positive relationships between home, family and school as a basis for learning, health and well-being?




## Additional subject-specific reflections


Inside or outside the programme of inquiry



- What opportunities are there for students to make connections to the central idea and lines of inquiry or the programme of inquiry?
- What opportunities are there for students to develop knowledge, conceptual understandings and skills to support the transfer of learning across, between and beyond subjects?

# REFLECTING

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 **Teacher reflections**

 **Student reflections**

  **Assessment reflections**

# Prompts: Reflecting



## Teacher reflections

How did the strategies we used throughout the unit help to develop and evidence students’ understanding of the central idea?

What learning experiences best supported students’ development and demonstration of the attributes of the learner profile and approaches to learning?

What evidence do we have that students are developing knowledge, conceptual understandings and skills to support the transfer of learning across, between and beyond subjects?

To what extent have we strengthened transdisciplinary connections through collaboration among members of the teaching team?

What did we discover about the process of learning that will inform future learning and teaching?



## Student reflections

What student-initiated inquiries arose and how did they inform the process of inquiry? What adjustments were made, and how did this enrich learning?

How are students supported in having voice, choice and ownership in the unit of inquiry? (For example, through: co-constructing learning goals and success criteria, being engaged in student-initiated inquiries and action, being involved in self-assessing and self-regulating, co-designing learning spaces and so on).

How have these experiences impacted on how students feel about their learning? (For example, through: developing and demonstrating attributes of learner profile and approaches to learning, developing understanding of the central idea, achieving learning goals, taking action and so on).



## Assessment reflections

How effective was our monitoring, documenting and measuring of learning informing our understanding of student learning?

What evidence did we gather about students’ knowledge, conceptual understandings and skills?

How will we share this learning with the learning community?

## Notes