



PYP Units of Inquiry 2008-9 Grade 5 – Age 9-11

Who we are	Where we are in time & space	How we express ourselves	How the world works	How we organize ourselves	How we share the planet
Title: Making informed choices	Title: Past, Present & Future	Title: Birth of a nation	Title: The Rainforest	Title: Plants & animals	Title: Solar Systems
Focus: Social Studies & Arts	Focus: Social Studies & Technology	Focus: Social Studies & Arts	Focus: Social Studies & Science	Focus: Science	Focus: Science, Social Studies & Technology
Central Idea: We need to be aware of the available information & consequences of decisions in order to make informed choices	Central Idea: Our present is influenced by our past	Central Idea: People have been on the move throughout the ages & the influence that movement had on them & others	Central Idea: It is vital to understand, appreciate & preserve the diverse ecosystems of rainforests	Central Idea: Plants & animals share similarities & have differences	Central Idea:
Key concepts: Causation, Perspective & Responsibility	Key concepts: Change, Perspective, Causation, Connection, & Responsibility	Key concepts: Change, Causation, Connection & Perspective	Key concepts: Perspective & Responsibility	Key concepts: Form & Change	Key concepts:
Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause & effect decision making & the related consequences • Personal opinion & the influence of cultural values • Our rights & responsibilities 	Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions (positive) of individuals to world history • Historical timelines • Characteristics of greatness • Influences of individuals on the present 	Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The origins of the Basotho • The great movement from the Great Lakes of Central Africa • The difaqane wars • Different groups/clans become a nation 	Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are rainforests seen as valuable resources globally • In what ways can we contribute to the preservation of rainforests 	Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification of plants & animals into kingdoms. Vertebrates & Invertebrates, Flowering & Non-flowering plants. • Mammals, reptiles, insects & amphibians • Seed germination & growth. 	Lines of Inquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •