

Intermediate Mid

Themes, Topics, and Essential Questions

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Themes	Topics	Essential Questions
Personal and Public Identities	Character Analysis in Literature Gender Issues Image and Stereotypes Taboos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do the characteristics of literary figures in the target culture differ from our literary figures? Why?• How are aspects of a person's identity expressed in various situations?• How do language and culture influence individual actions?• How are the roles of men and women in our culture similar to/ different from those in other cultures?• How do I interact in a culturally appropriate manner with others?

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Families and Communities/ Social Relationships	Education Family Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be an “educated person”? • Is education a right or a privilege? • How do I continue to prepare for my work future? • How are the evolving trends and roles of families changing?
Beauty and Aesthetics	Literature Film Art Music/Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the genres of literature in the target culture? • Does life reflect art, or does art reflect life? • What makes a piece of literature “classic”? • How can I critically reflect on literature and film? • How do I express myself? • How do music and art reflect time and place?
Global Issues and Challenges	Immigration Poverty Global Connections Human Trafficking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do people immigrate? What are immigration issues? • What are the results of poverty? • How are we connected to the world? • What is a global citizen and what are the responsibilities?

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Interdisciplinary/STEM	Personal Technologies Science/Medicine Environmental Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do advances in science and technology impact my life today? • Who are the innovators? • What is the relationship between humans and nature?
Contemporary Life	Entertainment Current Events Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is pop culture global, or does it differ from culture to culture? • How do current events impact our lives? • How do we define “quality of life”? • How does the type of government affect quality of life?
Communications and Media	Censorship Sensationalism and Bias in the Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does bias and/or sensationalism in the media look like? • Why does it exist? • What impacts our point of view?

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Career Connections	Career Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Which skills, talent and education are valued by potential employers?• How do I evaluate my skills and aptitudes to find a suitable career?• How do I develop my goals for the future to prepare me for potential careers?