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HUMANITIES



Block 1: Identity & Character		
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts	
o Identity	o Character	
	 Origins 	
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment	
Who am I? How does my story fit into the story of the universe?	NC Language Arts Standards:	
Period of History: Prehistory to Agricultural Revolution (Big History Units 1-6)	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Narrative Writing (W.3). 	
Skills: Narrative Writing, Historical Thinking Skills (Claim Testing, Causation, Scale), Sentence Formation, Socratic	NC Social Studies Standards:	
Seminar	 C.1. Understand how cultural values influence relationships between individuals, groups and political entities in modern 	
Reading: Personal Reading Focus	societies and	

Block 2: Connections & Associations	
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts
o Culture	 Community Belonging
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment
What does it mean to belong? What is culture? In what ways are humans interconnected?	NC Language Arts Standards:
Period of History: Early Civilizations to Great Global Convergence (Big History Units 7-8)	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Informative Writing (W.2).
Skills: Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Skills, Informative Writing, Paragraphing & Revision, Socratic	NC Social Studies Standards:
Seminar Reading: Book Clubs/Whole Class Text (TBD)	 In addition to previous block's standards: 7.H.2 Understand the implications of global interactions, G.1 Understand how geography, demographic trends, and environmental conditions shape modern societies and regions, 7.G.2 Apply the tools of a geographer to understand modern societies and regions.

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Block 3: Organizations	
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts
 Revolution 	o Conflict
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment
To what extent has the Modern Revolution been a	NC Language Arts Standards:
positive or negative force? What are the positive and negative impacts of interconnection?	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated
Period of History: Modern Revolution (Big History Units 8- 9)	within every block. Focus on Argument Writing (W.1).
	NC Social Studies Standards:
 Skills: Primary Sources, Debate, Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Argument Writing, Multi-Paragraph Writing & Summary, Socratic Seminar Reading: Book Clubs (Choices TBD) 	 In addition to previous blocks' standards: E.1 Understand the economic activities of modern societies and regions, 7.C&G.1 Understand the development of government in modern societies and regions.

Block 4: Discovery		
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts	
o Power	o Voice	
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment	
How do we make this world a better place? What is power and how does it shape our society?	NC Language Arts Standards:	
Period of History: Modern Revolution to the Future (Big History Units 9-10)	 Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Narrative and Multigenre Writing (W.3). 	
Skills: Multi-genre Project & Portfolio, Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Socratic Seminar	NC Social Studies Standards:	
Reading: Book Clubs/Whole Class Text (TBD)	 In addition to previous blocks' standards: 8.C&G.2 Understand the role that citizen participation plays in societal change. H.3. Understand the factors that contribute to change and continuity (including NC/US) 	