

Universal Themes

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The use of a universal theme ties together all curricular areas. Students develop generalizations using universal themes. They are then asked to either prove or disprove their own generalization using evidence from all disciplines.

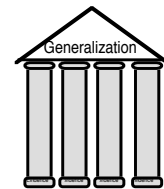
Inductive and deductive reasoning are a part of the process students use to learn. Inductive reasoning will help students learn to generate generalizations. Deductive reasoning will help students learn to support their ideas with evidence.

Grades 1 and 2

Theme: Relationships

Sample generalizations:

- Relationships are everywhere.
- Relationships are purposeful.
- Relationships may be natural or imposed. (man-made)
- Relationships can be interdependent.
- Relationships change over time.

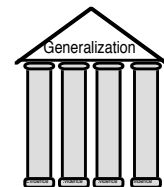


Grades 3 and 4

Theme: Adaptation

Sample generalizations:

- Adaptation occurs over time.
- Adaptation can be positive or negative.
- Adaptation leads to change.
- Adaptation can be planned or spontaneous.
- Adaptation is necessary for growth.



Grades 5 and 6

Theme: Conflict

Sample generalizations:

- Conflict creates change.
- Conflict can be helpful or harmful.
- Conflict follows rules.
- Conflict can be natural or human-made.
- Conflict may be intentional or unintentional.
- Conflict is composed of opposing forces.

