



Essential Questions | Grades 3-8

These year-long questions/themes guide core literature selections and much of the historical content that is taught. Each essential question is purposely designed to align with our DEIJ Scope and Sequence, ensuring that students examine history and literature through multiple perspectives and experiences. Rooting curriculum in DEIJ-themed essential questions also allows for depth over breadth, which we know is key to student learning and engagement.

Grade 3: Advocacy

- Essential Questions: *What are human rights and how can they be protected?*
- Key Sub-questions: *How can my voice impact my community? How have past voices and actions influenced our community?*

Grade 4: Identity

- Essential Question: *How do you create your identity?*
- Key Sub Question: *How does your identity affect how you see the world and how the world sees you?*

Grade 5: Freedom

- Essential Question: *What is Freedom?*
- Key Sub-questions: *What is the American Dream? Who has the freedom to access the American Dream?*

Grade 6: Change

- Essential Question: *How do societies make sense of their **changing** universe?*
- Key Sub-questions: *How do I make sense of my **changing** universe? Who am I and what is my voice?*

Grade 7: Power

- Essential Question: *What is Power?*

Grade 8: Justice

- Essential Question: *What is Justice?*

