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Definition: The understanding that everything has a form with recognizable features that can be observed, identified, described and categorized.

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Definition: The understanding that everything has a purpose, a role or a way of behaving that can be

Causation
Key Question: Why is it like it is?
Definition: The understanding that things do not just happen, that there are causal relationships at work and that actions have consequences.

Perspective
Key question: What are the points of view?
Definition: The understanding that knowledge is moderated by perspectives; different perspectives lead to different interpretations, understandings and findings;

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Where We Are in Place and Time
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How We Express Ourselves
An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, cultures, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.

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How We Organize Ourselves
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Sharing the Planet
An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.

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Change
Key Question: How is it changing?
Definition: The understanding that change is the process of movement from one state to another. It is universal and

Responsibility
Key question: What is our responsibility?
Definition: The understanding that people make choices based on their understandings and the actions they take as a result make a difference.

Reflection
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