

The Inquiry

GRADE 7 ELA: UNIT III

WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMPROVE SOCIETY?

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE
ARTS

In this unit, Grade 7 will read six multi-cultural texts about problems in society, such as prejudice,

discrimination and inequalities.

Throughout the unit, students will gather information from their readings in a graphic organizer in order to help them answer the essential question, "What can we do to improve society?" At the end of the unit, students will respond to the essential question in an argumentative essay.



UNIT III KEY SKILLS

The skills that will be taught and reinforced are:

- Writing fluid explanations,
- citing evidence from multiple texts to support analysis,
- analyzing the development of ideas across multiple texts,
- comparing and contrasting ideas across different texts,
- leading evidence-based discussions
- working collaboratively on a creative project
- writing a synthesis essay.

This important unit also has the aim of generating self-awareness among our international learning community on how we think about people with different backgrounds, and how this affects our actions towards them. As a group we will work on showing more sensitivity towards others and develop courage to stand up for important matters. In preparation for our Week-Without-Walls trip, we will research what societal issues people face in the area of our destination and consider how we could leave a positive impact.

