

# The Inquiry

## GRADE 6 ELA: UNIT III

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GROW UP?

ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
ARTS

Middle school is an exciting yet challenging turning point in life; new experiences begin to replace old ones in the name of maturity. In our third unit, we will determine what it takes to grow up. We will read and discuss a range of texts from different literary genres that speak to the theme of growing up.

Throughout the unit, students will revisit the essential question: "What does it mean to grow up?" Students will also track their own

understanding of this theme to prepare for a literary analysis essay. Grade 6 will also engage in independently chosen literature, and track their understanding throughout the unit. Though self-directed discussions, students will further learn to lead and engage in academic discussions.

In addition, this unit will focus on the middle schooler's social and emotional learning by internalising concepts of self-awareness, self management, relationship skills, as well as social awareness, as well as making sense of how growing up involves mental and physical, social and emotional changes, and how an awareness of them can help navigate this important yet challenging time.



## 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.

