

#	Wonders Units & Themes	Essential Questions
1	Take A New Step	What can we learn when we try new things?
1.1	Make New Friends	How can we get along with new friends?
1.2	Get Up and Go!	How do baby animals move?
1.3	Use Your Senses	How can your senses help you learn?
2	Let's Explore	What can you find out when you explore?
2.1	Tools We Use	How do tools help us to explore?
2.2	Shapes All Around Us	What shapes do you see all around you?
2.3	World of Bugs	What kind of bugs do you know about?
3	Going Places	What can you learn by going to different places?
3.1	Rules to Go By	What rules do we follow in different places?
3.2	Sounds Around Us	What are the different sounds we hear?
3.3	The Places We Go	What places do you go to during the week?
4	Around the Neighborhood	What do you know about the people and places in your neighborhood?
4.1	Time for Work	What do people use to do their jobs?
4.2	Meet Your Neighbors	Who are your neighbors?
4.3	Pitch In	How can people help to make your community better?
5	Wonders of Nature	What kinds of things can you find growing in nature?
5.1	How Does Your Garden Grow?	What do living things need to grow?
5.2	Trees	How do living things change as they grow?
5.3	Fresh from the Farm	What kinds of things grow on a farm?
6	Weather for All Seasons	How do weather and seasons affect us?
6.1	The Four Seasons	How are the seasons different?
6.2	What's the Weather	What happens in different kinds of weather?
6.3	Stormy Weather	How can you stay safe in bad weather?
7	The Animal Kingdom	What are different kinds of animals?
7.1	Baby Animals	How are some animals alike and how are they different?
7.2	Pet Pals	How do you take care of different kinds of pets?
7.3	Animal Habitats	Where do animals live?
8	From Here to There	Where can you go that is near and far?
8.1	On the Move	What can help you go from here to there?
8.2	My U.S.A.	What do you know about our country?
8.3	Look to the Sky	What do you see in the sky?
9	How Things Change	How do things change?
9.1	Growing Up	How can you help out at home?
9.2	Good Citizens	What do good citizens do?
9.3	Our Natural Resources	How can things in nature be used to make new things?
10	Thinking Outside the Box	How can new ideas help us?
10.1	Problem Solver	What can happen when we work together?
10.2	Sort It Out	In what ways are things alike? How are they different?
10.3	Protect Our Earth	What ideas can you suggest to protect the environment?

1st Grade

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1	Getting to Know Us	What makes you special?
1.1	At School	What do you do at your school?
1.2	Where I Live	What is it like where you live?
1.3	Our Pets	What makes a pet special?
1.4	Let's Be Friends	What do friends do together?
1.5	Let's Move!	How does your body move?
2	Our Community	What makes a community?
2.1	Jobs Around Town	What jobs need to be done in a community?
2.2	Buildings All Around	What buildings do you know? What are they made of?
2.3	A Community in Nature	Where do animals live together?
2.4	Let's Help	How do people help out in the community?
2.5	Follow the Map	How can you find your way around?
3	Changes Over Time	What can happen over time?
3.1	What Time Is It?	How do we measure time?
3.2	Watch it Grow	How do plants change as they grow?
3.3	Tales Over Time	What is a folktale?
3.4	Now and Then	How is life different than it was long ago?
3.5	From Farm to Table	How do we get our food?
4	Animals Everywhere	What animals do you know about? What are they like?
4.1	Animal Features	How do animals' bodies help them?
4.2	Animals Together	How do animals help each other?
4.3	In the Wild	How do animals survive in nature?
4.4	Insects!	What insects do you know about? How are they alike and different?
4.5	Working with Animals	How do people work with animals?
5	Figure It Out	How can we make sense of the world around us?
5.1	See It, Sort It	How can we classify and categorize things?
5.2	Up in the Sky	What can you see in the sky?
5.3	Great Inventions	What inventions do you know about?
5.4	Sounds All Around	What sounds can you hear? How are they made?
5.5	Build It!	How do things get built?
6	Together We Can	How does teamwork help us?
6.1	Taking Action	How can we work together to make our lives better?
6.2	My Team	Who helps you?
6.3	Weather Together	How can weather affect us?
6.4	Sharing Traditions	What traditions do you know about?
6.5	Celebrate America	Why do we celebrate holidays?

2nd Grade

#	Wonders Units & Themes	Essential Questions
1	FRIENDS AND FAMILY	How do families and friends learn, grow, and help one another?
1.1	Friends Help Friends	How do friends depend on each other?
1.2	Families Around the World	How are families around the world the same and different?
1.3	Pets Are Our Friends	How can a pet be an important friend?
1.4	Animals Need Our Care	How do we care for animals?
1.5	Families Working Together	What happens when families work together?
2	ANIMAL DISCOVERIES	How do animals play a part in the world around us?
2.1	Animals in Nature	How do animals survive?
2.2	Animals in Stories	What can animals in stories teach us?
2.3	Animal Habitats	What are features of different animal habitats?
2.4	Baby Animals	How are offspring like their parents?
2.5	Animals in Poems	What do we love about animals?
3	LIVE AND LEARN	What have you learned about the world that surprises you?
3.1	The Earth's Forces	How do the Earth's forces affect us?
3.2	Look at the Sky	What can we see in the sky?
3.3	Ways People Help	How can people help out their community?
3.4	Weather Alert!	How does weather affect us?
3.5	Express Yourself	How do you express yourself?
4	OUR LIFE, OUR WORLD	How do different environments make the world an interesting place?
4.1	Different Places	What makes different parts of the world different?
4.2	Earth Changes	How does the Earth change?
4.3	Our Culture Makes Us Special	How are kids around the world different?
4.4	Folktales about Nature	How can we understand nature?
4.5	Poems about nature	What excites us about nature?
5	LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE	How can people make a difference?
5.1	Being a Good Citizen	What do good citizens do?
5.2	Cooperation Works!	How do people get along?
5.3	Our Heroes	What do heroes do?
5.4	Preserving our Earth	How can we protect the Earth?
5.5	Rights and Rules	Why are rules important?
6	HOW ON EARTH?	What keeps our world working?
6.1	Plant Myths and Facts	What do myths help us understand?
6.2	We Need Energy	How do we use energy?
6.3	Team Up to Explore	Why is teamwork important?
6.4	Money Matters	How do we use money?
6.5	The World of Ideas	Where can your imagination take you?

3rd Grade

#	Wonders Units & Themes	Essential Questions
1	Growing and Learning	How can learning help us grow?
1.1	Storytime	What can stories teach you?
1.2	Traditions	What can traditions teach you about cultures?
1.3	Communities	How do people from different cultures contribute to a community?
1.4	Inventions	How can problem solving lead to new ideas?
1.5	Landmarks	How do landmarks help us understand our country's story?
2	Figure it Out	What does it take to solve a problem?
2.1	Cooperation	Why is working together a good way to solve a problem?
2.2	Immigration	Why do people immigrate to new places?
2.3	Government	How do people make government work?
2.4	Survival	How can people help animals survive?
2.5	Figure it Out	How do people figure things out?
3	One of a Kind	Why are individual qualities important?
3.1	Be Unique	What makes different animals unique?
3.2	Leadership	How can one person change the way you think?
3.3	Discoveries	What do we know about Earth and its neighbors?
3.4	New Ideas	What ideas can we get from nature?
3.5	Value the Past	How is each event in history?
4	Meet the Challenge	What are different ways to meet challenges?
4.1	Choices	What choices are good for us?
4.2	Skills and Talents	How can you use what you know to help others?
4.3	Adaptations	How do animals adapt to challenges in their habitat?
4.4	Flight	How are people able to fly?
4.5	Inspiration	How can others inspire us?
5	Take Action	What are ways people can take action?
5.1	Let's Trade!	How do we get what we need?
5.2	Reuse and Recycle	How can we reuse what we already have?
5.3	Teaming Up	How do teams work together?
5.4	Good Citizens	What do good citizens do?
5.5	Energy	What are different kinds of energy?
6	Think It Over	How do we decide what's important?
6.1	Treasures	How do you decide what's important?
6.2	Weather	How can weather affect us?
6.3	Learning to Succeed	Why are goals important?
6.4	Animals and You	How can learning about animals help you respect them?
6.5	Funny Times	What makes you laugh?

4th Grade

#	Wonders Units & Themes	Essential Questions
1	Think it Through	How can a challenge bring out our best?
1.1	Clever Ideas	Where do good ideas come from?
1.2	Think of Others	How do your actions affect others?
1.3	Take Action	How do people respond to natural disasters?
1.4	Ideas in Motion	How can science help you understand how things work?
1.5	Putting Ideas to Work	How can starting a business help others?
2	Amazing Animals	What can animals teach us?
2.1	Literary Lessons	What are some messages in animal stories?
2.2	Animals in Fiction	How do animal characters change familiar stories?
2.3	Natural Connections	How are all living things connected?
2.4	Adaptations	What helps animals survive?
2.5	Animals All Around	How are writers inspired by animals?
3	That's the Spirit!	How can you show your community spirit?
3.1	Friendship	How can you make new friends feel welcome?
3.2	Helping the Community	In what ways can you help your community?
3.3	Liberty & Justice	How can one person make a difference?
3.4	Powerful Words	How can words lead to change?
3.5	Feeling the World	In what ways can advances in science be helpful or harmful?
4	Fact or Fiction	How do different writers treat the same topic?
4.1	Our Government	Why do we need government?
4.2	Leadership	Why do people run for public office?
4.3	Breakthroughs	How do inventions and technology affect your life?
4.4	Wonders in the Sky	How do you explain what you see in the sky?
4.5	Achievements	How do writers look at success in different ways?
5	Figure it Out	What helps you understand the world around you?
5.1	Make it Happen	In what ways do people show they care about each other?
5.2	On the Move	What are some reasons people moved west?
5.3	Inventions	How can inventions solve problems?
5.4	Zoom In	What can you discover when you look closely at something?
5.5	Digging up the Past	How can learning about the past help you understand the present?
6	Past, Present, and Future	How can you build on what came before?
6.1	Old and New	How do traditions connect people?
6.2	Notes from the Past	Why is it important to keep a record of the past?
6.3	Resources	How have our energy resources changed over the years?
6.4	Money Matters	What has been the role of money over time?
6.5	Finding My Place	What shapes a person's identity?

5th Grade

#	Wonders Units & Themes	Essential Questions
1	Eureka! I've Got It	Where can an idea begin?
1.1	Meeting a Need	How do we get the things we need?
1.2	Trial and Error	What can lead us to rethink and idea?
1.3	Seeing for Yourself	How can experiencing nature change the way you think about it?
1.4	Inventions	How does technology lead to creative ideas?
1.5	New Technology	What are the positive and negative effects of new technology?
2	Taking the Next Step	What does it take to put a plan into action?
2.1	Reaching a Compromise	What do good problem solvers do?
2.2	Seeking the Answer	What can you do to get information you need?
2.3	Investigations	How do we investigate questions about nature?
2.4	A Plan of Action	When has a plan helped you accomplish a task?
2.5	Making it Happen	What motivates you to accomplish a goal?
3	Getting from Here to There	What kinds of experiences can lead to new discoveries?
3.1	Cultural Exchange	What can learning about different cultures teach us?
3.2	Being Resourceful	How can learning about nature be useful?
3.3	Patterns	Where can you find patterns in nature?
3.4	Teamwork	What benefits come from people working as a group?
3.5	Into the Past	How do we explain what happened in the past?
4	It's Up to You	How do we decide what's important?
4.1	Sharing Stories	What kinds of stories do we tell? Why do we tell them?
4.2	Discoveries	What can you discover when you give things a second look?
4.3	Take Action	What can people do to bring about a positive change?
4.4	Consider Our Resources	Why are natural resources valuable?
4.5	Express Yourself	How do you express that something is important to you?
5	What's Next?	In what ways can things change?
5.1	New Perspectives	What experiences can change the way you see yourself and the world around you?
5.2	Better Together	How do shared experiences help people adapt to change?
5.3	Our Changing Earth	What changes in the environment affect living things?
5.4	Now We Know	How can scientific knowledge change over time?
5.5	Scientific Viewpoints	How do natural events and human activities affect the environment?
6	Linked In	How are we all connected?
6.1	Joining Forces	How do different groups contribute to a cause?
6.2	Getting Along	What actions can we take to get along with others?
6.3	Adaptations	How are living things adapted to their environment?
6.4	Making a Difference	What impact do our actions have on the world?
6.5	Out in the World	What can our connections to the world teach us?

6th Grade

#	Wonders Units & Themes	Essential Questions
1	Changes	How can changes transform the way people look at the world?
1.1	Perspectives	How do new experiences offer new perspectives?
1.2	Alliances	Why do people form alliances?
1.3	Environments	How do life forms vary in different environments?
1.4	Dynamic Earth	How do natural forces affect Earth?
1.5	Using Money	What factors influence how people use money?
2	Excursions Across Time	What can we gain from reading about past civilizations?
2.1	Contributions	What contributions were made by early civilizations?
2.2	Democracy	How did democracy develop?
2.3	Ancient Societies	What was life like for people in ancient cultures?
2.4	Influences	What influences the development of a culture?
2.5	Past and Present	What can the past teach us?
3	Accomplishments	What does it take to accomplish a goal?
3.1	Common Ground	What happens when people share ideas?
3.2	Transformations	What kinds of challenges transform people?
3.3	Inspiration	What can people accomplish by working together?
3.4	Milestones	How can one person affect the opinions of others?
3.5	A Green Future	What steps can people take to promote a healthier environment?
4	Challenges	How to people meet challenges and solve problems?
4.1	Changing Environments	How do people meet environmental challenges?
4.2	Overcoming Challenges	How do people meet personal challenges?
4.3	Standing Tall	When are decisions hard to make?
4.4	Shared Experiences	How do people uncover what they have in common?
4.5	Taking Responsibility	How can we take responsibility?
5	Discoveries	How can discoveries open new possibilities?
5.1	Myths	Why do people tell and retell myths?
5.2	Personal Strength	How do people show inner strength?
5.3	Innovations	How do people benefit from innovation?
5.4	Breakthroughs	How does technology lead to discoveries?
5.5	Exploration	How have tools used for exploration evolved over time?
6	Taking Action	When is it important to take action?
6.1	Resources	How have people used natural resources?
6.2	Witness	How do we learn about historical events?
6.3	Investigations	How can a scientific investigation be an adventure?
6.4	Extraordinary Finds	What can scientists reveal about ancient civilizations?
6.5	Taking a Break	Why is taking a break important?