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**GLOBAL  
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# What are Global Contexts?



- You learn best when your learning experiences have **context** and are **connected** to your life and your familiarity of the world that you have **experienced**.
- Using **GLOBAL CONTEXTS**, MYP students like YOU develop an understanding of your common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet.

# 6 Global Contexts You'll Learn About



1. Identities and Relationships
2. Personal and Cultural Identity
3. Orientations in Space and Time
4. **Scientific and Technical Innovation**
5. Fairness and Development
6. Globalization and Sustainability.

# 1- Identities & Relationships



- This global context helps you look at what makes you **different** from others and what you **share** with others.
- This is a starting point for understanding other people in your community and beyond.
- Exploring identities and relationships allows you to **make discoveries** about yourself and **build confidence** for success in any situation.

# Identities & Relationships- *Reflection*



- Understanding who you are and your beliefs and values is important. It helps you understand **why you act the way you do**.
- Learning about yourself can also help you **accept and learn from people** who are different from you, **form strong ties** with others and **be a part of many different communities**.



# 2- Orientation in Space & Time

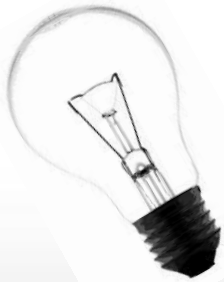


- This global context is not just about studying the time and place of an event. It also means looking at how the event has made an **impact on personal** as well as **global history**.
- For this global context, you explore the question:
  - *How can understanding the “when” and “where” of events help you to understand the world in which you live today?*
  - *How can knowing when an event took place in history be helpful?*
  - *How can knowing where an event happened be helpful?*

# Orientation in Space & Time- *Reflection*



- Throughout history, there have been many **changes** that have revolutionized the way you live today. Consider the invention of the light bulb or the end of apartheid.



# Orientation in Space & Time- *Reflection*



- Understanding **when and where** something happens that **brings change** is important.
- It helps explain how the changes fit in a **bigger picture**, both globally and personally.
- It helps you better understand the **past**, the **present**, and possibly even the **future**.



# 3- Personal & Cultural Expression



- This global context is about **creativity** and forms of **expression**. It is also about seeing things from different points of view.
- For this global context, you could explore the questions:
  - *What does it mean to be creative?*
  - *What are some ways you can express yourself, your culture, and your beliefs?*
  - *How have you expressed strong emotions before?*
  - *List 3 things in your culture that have influenced you.*

# Personal & Cultural Expression- *Reflection*



- How would you **express a strong emotion**? Would you tell a story? Would you sing a song? Create a dance? Write a poem?
- Expressing feelings, ideas, culture and beliefs is very **personal**. The method you select really depends on **you** and **your message**.

# Personal & Cultural Expression- *Reflection*



- The ways in which you **discover** and **express yourself** is the beginning of exploring the global context of personal and cultural expression.



# 4- Scientific & Technical Innovation

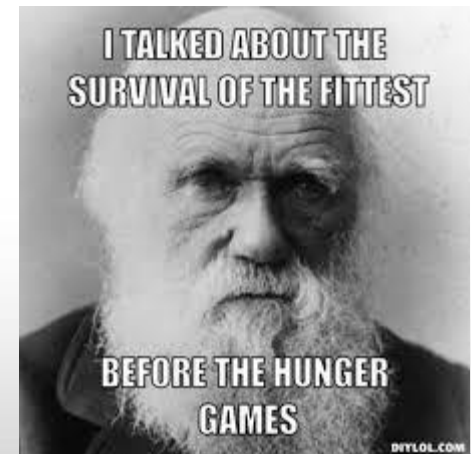


- This global context is important because science and innovation help you **adapt** to your world.
- Scientific inquiry into the natural world helps you **understand your world** and the **impact** you have on it.
- For this context, you could explore the questions:
  - *What impact does the natural world have on you?*
  - *What impact do you have on the natural world?*

# Scientific & Technical Innovation- *Reflection*



- Throughout history we have explored the world around us and **how we fit in**.
- Darwin studied the natural world and reached remarkable conclusions. He discovered that **nature adapts to fit the environment**, and so do we! We even take inspirations from designs in nature.





# Scientific & Technical Innovation- *Reflection*



- However, as humans create buildings and technologies to do more for us, this also has an **impact on our environment**.
- Scientific inquiry has helped our exploration of the world and advancement and now we need to use it to create **new solutions** to old and new problems.

# 5- Globalization & Sustainability



- This global context is about how **connected** we are worldwide, how we make decisions about global issues and how we can **act in a responsible way** to make the world a better place.
- For this context, you could explore the questions:
  - *How are people connected and how does this impact me?*
  - *How can our way of life and the systems we have in place last long term?*
  - *How are we connected with other people in the world?*
  - *Is globalization making the world a better place?*

# Globalization & Sustainability- *Reflection*



- **Globalization** is a difficult term because it means so many things. It refers to **countries joining together** through business, education, culture and politics.
- It is a term used to refer to many different kinds of **global exchanges** and **connections**.

# Globalization & Sustainability- *Reflection*



- There are so many global connections that there is now an ongoing debate about whether the overall effect of globalization is a good thing.



# 6- Fairness & Development



- This global context addresses the nature of **conflict and peace** and how they both relate to the issue of **fairness and sustainability**.
- For this context, you could explore the questions:
  - *Why is there war in the global community?*
  - *How can we promote peace, fairness and sustainability?*
  - *What actions you can take to encourage peace and equality in the world \ country \ city \ street \ school, etc?*



# Fairness & Development- Reflection



- The struggle to manage resources or achieve **equality** has sometimes led to **conflict**. In other cases, it has created lasting **peace**.
- There is a large range in quality of life between countries (and within countries), but there are ways to **make progress** where people are struggling and rights need to be protected.

# Fairness & Development- Reflection



- There are ways to work towards sustainability of resources, systems, and global well-being. **You are a part of the force of change.** You can help shape a **fairer** world with lasting **peace**.



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