Social Studies K-10 – Big Ideas

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K	Our communities are diverse and made up of individuals who have a lot in common.	 Stories and traditions about ourselves and our families reflect who we are and where we are from. 	Rights, roles, and responsibilities shape our identity and help us build healthy relationships with others.	
1	Healthy communities recognize and respect the diversity of individuals and care for the local environment.	We shape the local environment, and the local environment shapes who we are and how we live.	Our rights, roles, and responsibilities are important for building strong communities.	
2	 Canada is made up of many diverse regions and communities. 	 Local actions have global consequences, and global actions have local consequences. 	 Individuals have rights and responsibilities as global citizens. 	
3	 Learning about indigenous peoples nurtures multicultural awareness and respect for diversity. 	 Indigenous knowledge is passed down through oral history, traditions, and collective memory. 	Indigenous societies throughout the world value the well-being of the self, the land, spirits, and ancestors.	People from diverse cultures and societies share some common experiences and aspects of life.
4	Interactions between First Peoples and Europeans led to conflict and co-operation, which continue to shape Canada's identity.	The pursuit of valuable natural resources has played a key role in changing the land, people, and communities of Canada.	Demographic changes in North America created shifts in economic and political power.	British Columbia followed a unique path in becoming a part of Canada.
5	Immigration and multi- culturalism continue to shape Canadian society and identity.	 Natural resources continue to shape the economy and identity of different regions of Canada. 	Canada's policies for and treatment of minority peoples have negative and positive legacies.	Canadian institutions and government reflect the challenge of our regional diversity.



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6	Media sources can both positively and negatively affect our understanding of important events and issues.	Economic self-interest can be a significant cause of conflict among peoples and governments.	Systems of government vary in their respect for human rights and freedoms.	Complex global problems require international co-operation to make difficult choices for the future.
7	Religious and cultural practices that emerged during this period have endured and continue to influence people.	Geographic conditions shaped the emergence of civilizations.	Increasingly complex societies required new systems of laws and government.	Economic specialization and trade networks can lead to conflict and co-operation between societies.
8	Exploration, expansion, and colonization had varying consequences for different groups.	Human and environmental factors shape changes in population and living standards.	Changing ideas about the world created tension between people wanting to adopt new ideas and those wanting to preserve established traditions.	Contact and conflict between peoples stimulated significant cultural, social, and political change.
9	Collective identity is constructed and can change over time.	The physical environment influences the nature of political, social, and economic change.	Emerging ideas and ideologies profoundly influence societies and events.	Disparities in power alter the balance of relationships between individuals and between societies.
10	Historical and contemporary injustices challenge the narrative and identity of Canada as an inclusive, multicultural society.	The development of political institutions is influenced by economic, social, ideological, and geographic factors.	Worldviews lead to different perspectives and ideas about developments in Canadian society.	Global and regional conflicts have been a powerful force in shaping our contemporary world and identities.

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