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**Topic 1 - Inventions**

* What is an invention?
* How would you describe inventors (people who create things)?
* Do you think anyone can be an inventor? Why or why not? Are there specific characteristics that an inventor must have? Explain.
* Why do you think people keep inventing things?
* What are the best and the most useful inventions of mankind in the 20th and 21st centuries? How did this invention change people’s lives?
* What is an invention that you’re looking forward to? Explain.
* What would you invent if you're a scientist? Explain.

**Topic 2 - Happiness**

* What is happiness for you?
* Do you think that happiness lies within you? Or does it depend upon other people and external things? Explain.
* Is happiness relative, that is, does it have a different meaning for each person?
* What is there to be happy about in the world today?
* What affects your levels of happiness?
* What was the happiest time in your entire life?
* Do you feel that you have to work hard and be miserable now in order to be happy later? Why or why not?

**Topic 3 - Creativity**

* What is creativity?
* Do you think that it is important or beneficial to be creative in some aspect of our lives?  Why or why not?
* Do you do anything creative in your own life?  If so, what?  Explain and give details about what you do and how you think it benefits you. If not, is there anything creative that you would like to try doing?  Why do you want to try this, and how do you think it might be beneficial?
* Do you think that it’s possible for people to be creative in any part of their life, even those that we don’t typically think of as involving creativity (for example, at a job or at home)?  If so, how?  Explain.
* Do you think that anyone can be creative, or only some people?  Why?
* Are people who are highly creative different from “regular” people?  If so, how?  If not, why?
* Do you know anyone who is very creative?  What do they do?  Explain and give details.

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