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## **Sample Thematic Unit Ideas for Checkpoint B**

## **Problems, Problems**

How do I seek out good advice? How can I give good advice?

Anchor Topic: Family & Social Relationships

Related Topics: School Life & Education;

Key Language Functions: Exchange Information; Express Opinions, Persuade

## **Self-Portraits**

How do I see myself? How do others see me?

Anchor Topic: Identity

Related Topic: Arts

Key Language Functions: Exchange Information; Describe People and Objects

## **Keys to Success**

How do you define success? What are some of the traits of successful people?

Anchor Topic: School Life & Education

Related Topics: Identity; Technology, Media & Social Media; Earning a Living\*

Key Language Functions: Express Opinions; Give Advice

## **Rites of Passage**

What are some traditions that celebrate major milestones in your culture? How and when are they celebrated?

Anchor Topic: Family and Social Relationships

Related Topics: Celebrations, Customs & Traditions; Shopping; Meal Taking & Food Key Language Functions: Make, Accept & Refuse Invitations; Describe Places and Things

## Sound Mind, Sound Body

What are the practices and products that help us to maintain good physical and mental health?

Anchor Topic: Health and Wellness

Related Topics: Food and Meal Taking; Leisure

Key Language Functions: Express Feelings; Give Advice

#### Needs and Wants

Do I really need everything that I want? How do I decide if something is a need or a want?

Anchor Topic: Shopping

Related Topics: Food & Meal Taking; Community & Neighborhoods

Key Language Functions: Express Preferences; Exchange Information; Describe Things



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### A Citizen of the World

What is citizenship? How do different communities define "good" citizenship?

Anchor Topic: Technology, Media & Social Media

Related Topics: School & Education; Family & Social Relationships; Communities & Neighborhoods;

Environmental Issues & Sustainability

Key Language Functions: Exchange Information; Express Opinions; Give Reasons,

### Work to Live or Live to Work?

What makes work important? How do different cultures view work?

Anchor Topic: Earning a Living

Related Topics: Health & Wellness; School & Education; Technology, Media & Social Media Key Language Functions: Exchange Information; Express Preferences; Report information; Give Reasons

## Spaceship Earth

How are humans dependent on the physical environment? How are humans interdependent species in the biosphere?

Anchor Topic: Environmental Issues & Sustainability

Related Topics: Physical Environment, Climate, Weather & Geography; Travel; Health & Welfare Key Language Functions: Exchange Information, Express Opinions; Report Information; Explain Problems, Propose Solutions; Make Recommendations

## Once Upon a Time...

What do the stories we tell say about us?

Anchor Topic: Physical Environment, Climate, Weather & Geography

Related Topics: Identity; Family & Social Relationships; Celebrations, Customs & Traditions

Key Language Functions: Express Feelings; Narrate; Explain