

MIDDLE (SWS read in its entirety – classroom set available)

INTERPLAY BETWEEN HUMANS AND ENVIRONMENT - CAUSE & EFFECT

World community – What do walls represent in different cultures? How do walls affect people's lives and the landscape? Why do people build walls? How do humans impact the Earth?

Book: Talking Walls

Individual's role in (global) community

PERCEPTION VS. REALITY

Has the Earth always looked the same? (Earth processes – rocks & minerals, plate tectonics, convection, Earthquakes & volcanoes)

CHOICES & CONSEQUENCES – SUSTAINABILITY – NEED FOR SELF-REFLECTION

Book: SWS

Science – Technology – Society Issues (Conservation, natural resources)

Student generated inquiry project (e.g. Joshua Trust, open land policy)

Land ownership, responsibility, and stewardship

INSPIRATION FOUND IN THE NATURAL WORLD

Popular culture: How metaphors of rocks have been defined within our culture –(Plymouth rock, Prudential rock, “This rocks!” I am a rock Simon & Garfunkle, The ROCK , Robert Frost “Mending Wall”...

TRANSFER OF IDEAS & BELIEFS FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER/TRADITION

Relationships

Human chain

Responsibility

Land use/resource choices over time

History of science & discovery (good vs. bad science)

“progress or peril”