

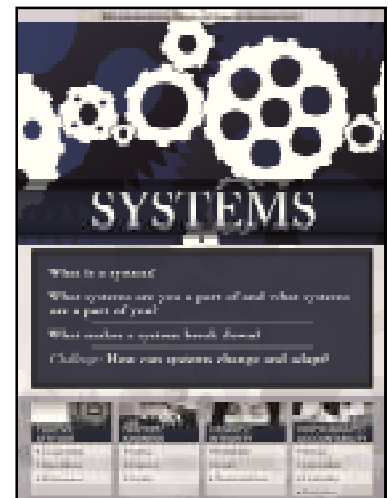
BCS Interdisciplinary Themes – Cycle 1

Integrated learning is a critical element in all classrooms at BCS. The ability to understand big themes common to human experience, past and present, provides students with the framework for thinking about themselves and their world. The themes and essential questions for this year have been carefully chosen by the staff to connect and to link all curriculum areas.

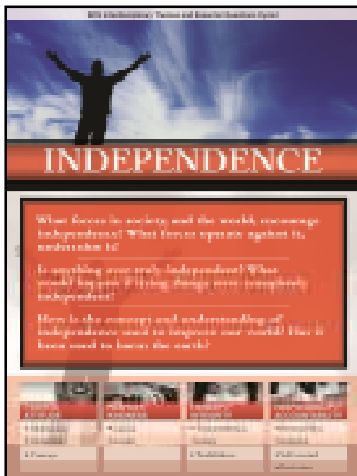
3-4 SYSTEMS

- What is a system?
- What systems are you a part of and what systems are a part of you?
- What makes a system break down?

Challenge: How can systems change and adapt?



5-6 INDEPENDENCE



- What forces in society, and the world, encourage independence?
- What forces operate against it, undermine it?
- Is anything ever truly independent?
- How is the concept and understanding of independence used to improve our world? Has it been used to harm the earth?

7-8 INDIVIDUALITY

- What does an individual mean in one's own life? How does one express individuality and also participate with groups and in activities?
- How much does one have the right to be an individual and express one's individuality? How much does one have the responsibility to accept societal rules and norms?
- How have past cultures valued the individual? How do we value the individual in today's multicultural society?

