## MCS TOK Y2 Subject Group Overview

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<th>Last Semester Refresher</th>
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<td>Time Frame</td>
<td>1 Week</td>
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<td>Standards/IB Topics</td>
<td>Review content from Spring Semester</td>
<td>Explore how Human Science and Natural Science are used as structures for the production and interpretation of knowledge.</td>
<td>This unit focuses on the required Area of Knowledge: History. It will reflect the following TOK Aims:</td>
<td>This unit focuses on the required Area of Knowledge: The Arts. It will reflect the following TOK Aims:</td>
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<td>All previous topics combined.</td>
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<td>Literacy Standards</td>
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| Content Specific Information | TOK overview + it’s place in the IBDP Core. Core Theme + Areas of Knowledge | ● Scope  
  ○ The common understanding of what “science” is. | ● Scope  
  ○ what counts as history.  
  ○ certainty in history  
  ○ Comparison of certainty in history and natural science. | ● Scope  
  ○ Limitations of art–how do we define art?  
  ○ What counts as art? | ● Scope  
  ○ Thinking about math as a language  
  ○ Is math discovered or invented? The usefulness of | Providing a clear, coherent and critical expiration of an essay title provided by IBO. |
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### Knowledge Framework and Major Concepts

**Knowledge Questions:**
- The basic similarities and differences between natural and human sciences.
- How the ideas of precision, verification, and repetition are reflected in each type of science.
- The sources of bias in scientific endeavors.
- The ways in which ethics can be applied to scientific inquiry.

**Knowledge vs. Opinion**

- Justification vs. Truth

**Knowledge Framework**

- **Perspective**
  - Understanding the difference between objective history and interpreted history.
  - Point of View vs. Multiperspectivity
- **Methods and Tools**
  - Difference between historical research and historiography
  - Textbooks as an example of partiality or impartiality
  - Ways to be more impartial in the study of history.

**Ethics**

- Revisionist history and political motivations to change historical interpretation (Hungary & Russia)
- Influence of regional culture and politics on textbooks in the U.S.

**Methods and Tools**

- Role of imagination and how it pairs with emotion and reason.
- The influence of imagination, emotion and reason in two different art genres.

**Perspectives**

- Concepts of Beauty
- Intentionality of Art (life imitating art/art imitating life)
- Ethics
  - Three different approaches to the connection between ethics and art.
  - The art itself
  - The artist
  - The public

**Ethics**

- Focus on the extent to which global problems like hunger, housing, child mortality, etc. can be understood and solved through mathematics.
- Which additional AOKs might need to be integrated with math to find solutions?

**Methods and Tools**

- The nature of proofs and then these three activities to illustrate the concept.
- Compare and contrast mathematical reasoning vs. scientific reasoning.

**Perspectives**

- Did things like the calculation of the area of a square exist before we “discovered” it? Are there mathematical truths that currently exist even though we don’t know about them yet?
- The ways cultures have used math in history.

**Ethics**

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**Discussion**

- That is linked to the title and the areas of knowledge.
- Clear arguments that are coherent and supported by specific examples.
- Provide implications of the argument.
- Clear awareness and evaluation of different points of view.

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### Common Assessments / Performance Projects

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<td>Individual Essay Assignment: Write an essay that addresses one of three prompts that are based on KQs.</td>
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1. Discuss this statement: It is impossible to know who we are without knowledge of the past.
2. Discuss this statement: It is unfair to judge the people and actions of the past by the standards of today.
3. Discuss this statement: Imagination is more important in history than in any other area of knowledge.

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<td>Choose one of the two prompts to use as we work through some practice activities for your TOK Essay. The final product will be an outline of an essay that follows the same thought process needed for your TOK Essay. So consider which of the prompts you understand most clearly.</td>
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- "Art is a lie that brings us nearer to the truth" (Pablo Picasso). Evaluate this claim in relation to a specific art form (for example, visual arts, literature, theater) as well as another Area of Knowledge.
- For this, you would evaluate the degree to which the statement is true, but then compare it to another Area of Knowledge. For example, why might this statement not be accurate for something like Natural Science?
- To what extent do we need evidence to support our beliefs in different areas of knowledge? Discuss this question with reference to the Arts and one other Area of Knowledge.
- For this, you would consider the degree to which evidence

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<td>Students will choose one of the following questions to explore as a group of three or four. Groups will prepare a brief slide presentation that will do the following:</td>
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1. Explain the question in your own words.
2. Develop three different perspectives/approaches to answering the question. The first perspective/approach should be stated as a claim, and the second and third should be stated as counterclaims that are built on the previous perspective(s)/approach(es).
3. Draw a final conclusion about the question chosen.

Potential questions:

- To what extent is progress harder to make in mathematics than in other areas of knowledge?
- Discuss this statement: Mathematics is the only AOK that is unbiased.
- To what extent is it possible to “experience” mathematics?

**Complete TOK PPF**

### Common Assessments Title and Criterion:

- Review of Exemplars & Rubric
- TOK Essay Outline
- TOK Essay Rough Draft
- TOK Essay Final Draft
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<th>Discuss this statement: Mathematics is the most “fundamental” of all the AOKs. To what extent does the use of statistics create different ethical responsibilities than other uses of math?</th>
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Marietta City Schools teachers provide specific differentiation of learning experiences for all students. Details for differentiation for learning experiences are included on the district unit planners.