

Cross-Cutting Concepts Apply Everywhere

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Ideas = 想法 xiǎng fǎ

These ideas are three of the Cross-Cutting Concepts of History, developed by the Chicago History Museum.

They are cross-cutting because they apply to all of social studies—and therefore can be used to interpret past, present, future-- to civics, economics, geography, culture.

Challenge = 挑战 Tiǎozhàn or 难题 nán tí

Choice = 选择 Xuǎnzé

Effects = 影响 yǐngxiǎng

They also apply to any story—every story includes what traditionally has been labeled “problem and solution” but actually is challenge and choice—how the characters respond to challenges indicates their values and leads to changes in the story.