**Justice Unit**

**Critical Content**

1. Justice can be defined in many ways.
2. Our experiences shape our opinions on what is just.
3. Formal legal systems have strengths and weaknesses when it comes to administering justice.
4. Sometimes justice is poetic in nature.
5. The quest for social justice can, and often does, create conflict and change.

**Guiding Questions**

1. What is justice?

2. How does our background influence our definition of justice?

3. How does a formal justice system influence its society?

4. What are the differences between a formal justice system and social justice?

5. How are the “letter of the law” and the “spirit of the law’ different?

6. When is it right to take justice into your own hands?

7. What are the effects of experiencing injustice?

8. How do beliefs about justice change over time or across cultures?

9. When is justice “poetic”?