CULTURAL DIFFERENCES & DIVERSITY

Characteristics of Culture (9975550) Streaming Video
28 min., Senior --- 2008
The state of Oaxaca, Mexico is the backdrop of this film, which explores the nature of culture and how cultures are studied. The Oaxacan society is used to illustrate the basic characteristics of culture: an integrated, dynamic system of beliefs, values, and behaviours that are shared by the members of a society; wholly learned and based on symbolic systems; and constituting humankind’s most important method of adaptation. Jayne Howell’s work in Oaxaca aims to determine how this society in transition is adapting to the pressures imposed by outside forces, and illustrates some of the methods of research that ethnographers employ in a bio-cultural approach to discovering how the world’s diverse cultures function.

Coming to Canada Junior Literature Circles Kit (997682) Literature Circles Kit
Junior 2011
This kit examines the experiences of immigrants coming to Canada in the 20th and 21st centuries. Supports a collaborative inquiry study where students examine why immigrants may have chosen Canada in the past and why future immigrants might choose Canada as their home. Supports the Grade 5 Social Studies unit: Aspects of Citizenship and Government of Canada.

Overcoming Adversity Primary/Junior Literature Circles Kit (997625) Literature Circles Kit
Primary/Junior 2011
Recommended to support the character traits of courage, perseverance, optimism, caring, respect, and cooperation. This collection contains five picture books and 1 short story anthology.

Here are My Hands (997435) Kit
Primary 2011
Sharing multicultural stories with your students is a great way to help them appreciate cultural diversity while boosting their early literacy skills. This kit actively engages children in the storytelling experience and builds their comprehension. As they retell the story, students develop awareness of essential story elements such as plot, setting, and characters. The kit can also serve as a springboard to other multicultural activities in your curriculum.
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**Diversity**

**The Collaborative Teaching : Working Together as a Professional Learning Community** (131225)
Examines the potential for teachers to improve schools from within the classroom, and describes how creating a collaborative culture can cause positive change by recognizing the common factor. Discusses curriculum, assessments, and other related topics.

**Whatever It Takes : How Professional Learning Communities Respond When Kids Don’t Learn** (131228)
371.2 DUF  ---  ISBN 1-932127-28-3
Presents case studies of a high school, and two elementary schools as examples of professional learning communities (PLCs) explaining how they came to be PLCs and showing how they systematically intervene to address problems in student learning.

**Thinking it Through : Teaching and Learning in the Kindergarten Classroom** (131191)
372. 219 THI  ---  2010
Designed by the Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario to provide early learning educators with a single book that addresses the whole kindergarten program. This resource is made up of 11 booklets that can stand alone but more importantly interconnect to help plan your whole program.

**Harmony : Photographic Journeys Across Our Cultural Boundaries** (131230)
305. 8 HAR ESL  ---  ISBN 0-7715-7632-3  1998
In the summer of 1997, twenty-four leading photojournalists and photographers set out to explore the myriad cultures which together make up Canada. Harmony is a visual book that celebrates our layered and multi-textured society.

**Realization : The Change Imperative for Deepening District-wide Reform** (131223)
Presents a step-by-step approach to implementing effective, positive change across the school district, examining thirteen research parameters for improving teacher and student performance.

**Student Diversity : Classroom Strategies to Meet the Learning Needs of All Students** (131125)
Offers practical suggestions for using collaboration, assessment, and strategic learning to meet the needs of all students.

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