

Multiculturalism In a Diverse Society

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Why Is Diversity a Concern?

- Kern County census breakdown:
- American Indian (.9%)
Asian (3.4%)
Black (5.8%)
Hispanic (38.7%)
Multirace (1.5%)
Pacific Islander (.1%)
White (49.6%)

County Enrollment



Why should you be concerned with diversity?

- Educational institutions are mandated by the government to teach diversity
- Differences exist:
 - In your neighborhood
 - At school
 - At work
 - In society
- You are unique
 - So is everyone else
 - Think about it
 - What can you do to help someone be more positive?
 - What can you do to help someone feel accepted?
 - How can you increase your own self esteem?
 - What are some good ways to not let anyone ridicule you?
 - One solution: Understand your own family culture
 - Compare similarities and differences from other cultures



Appreciate your culture

- Goal: Ask family members (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) about family traditions and customs
- Learn about your own heritage



Regardless of culture, human beings are more similar than different.

We are the Same, Yet Different!

- Goal: Explore similarities and differences.
 - What do you have in common with others?
 - How do you differ from others?
 - What are some of the common elements that every culture has?



The World

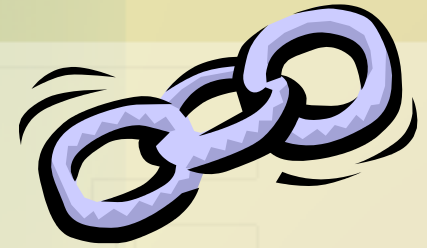
- How many people there are in the world?
 - 6 billion people
- How many different languages are spoken?
 - 2800 languages
 - If an equal number of people spoke each language that would be 2 million people per language



America: the Flag of Diversity

- Individuality helps make America a wonderful and diverse nation. Appreciate others for their own individualities and differences.
- Class discussion
 - What makes America unique?
 - What are some major differences Americans have?
 - What do all Americans have in common?

Friendship Chain



- Friends
 - Express positive feelings towards each other
- Class discussion
 - What makes a good friend?
 - How did hearing good things about yourself make you feel?
 - What does chain of friendship mean to you?

Accountability

Diversity and tolerance:

- understand and appreciate my culture
- understand and appreciate other cultures
- respect the difference among others
- identify similarities and differences of my classmates
- express positive feelings towards others
- identify ways to build my self-esteem

Open mindedness helps me to feel:

- better about myself
- more comfortable with self and culture
- comfortable sharing and expressing feelings to others
- tolerate of people's differences