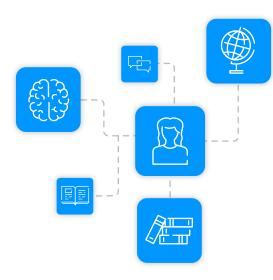
Understanding the

Role of Culture in the Classroom

What Defines Culture?

Shared beliefs, attitudes, and practices that are passed down through generations.



We All Have Many Cultures



Childhood **Experiences**



Professional Career



Religious **Practices**



Background



Why Is Cultural **Awareness Important?**

identity helps us understand and appreciate how others may relate to their own culture.

Acknowledging our unique cultural

How Can We Practice Cultural Awareness?

is a two-fold process:

Creating a place for culture in the classroom



Seeking knowledge about another person's

culture with an open, curious mind.

Practice learning about your

Through Curiosity

Build Awareness

available to you, including: Photo Rosters

students using resources

- Icebreakers Polls & Minute Papers
- Teleconferencing Backgrounds



Creating connections between people based

on an understanding of cultural identity.

Consider the unique identities of your

Environment

Finetune the Classroom

students to create a welcoming learning space for all: Build a Diverse Syllabus

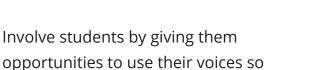
- Address Implicit Biases Practice Openness & Empathy

Everyday Tips for Practicing Cultural Awareness

Involve students by giving them

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Being open and honest about your identity

Tell Students

About Yourself:



Be Aware of

you can learn to prioritize their needs.

Always Leave Time

for Questions:

Exercise Equity in

Communication:



Review due dates at the start of the semester and invite students to provide

Your Timing:

access to assignments and feedback.



Avoid 5

(i.e.: Calling a Hispanic student the

name of another Hispanic student).

Micro-Aggressions:

their input before finalizing the syllabus.

Safe Space:

Create a



Respect each student's unique identity over their unchangeable characteristics

Practice emotional intelligence by considering the viewpoints of others and allowing events outside the classroom to inform your lessons.

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