Culturally Responsive Instruction: Lesson Design and Delivery



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Challenges for Education

Changing demographics

 "Minority" groups are expected to comprise more than 40% of the population by 2002, and 50% by 2040

Poverty

 Poverty and single parents families are the two variables most highly correlated with increased risk for childhood disability

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Challenges for Education

School Dropout

 Culturally and linguistically diverse students drop out of school at a much higher rate than do while students

Disproportional representation in special education

 Culturally and linguistically diverse students are both underrepresented and over represented in special education

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Minorities and Special Education

- African American are over-represented in MR & SED.
- Latinos are over-represented in SLD and speechlanguage
- American Indians are over-represented in SLD.
- Asian Pacific students are over-represented in gifted & talented classes.
- Culturally different males are at a higher risk of placement in mild disability categories than females.
- Limited English Proficient students make-up approximately 2.1 million in K-12 classrooms.

Factors That May Account For The
Disproportionate Placement Of
Culturally Diverse Students In Special
Education

- Incongruence in interactions between teachers and culturally diverse students and families.
- Inaccuracy of the assessment and referral process for culturally diverse students in special education, and
- Ineffective curriculum and instructional practices implemented for culturally diverse students.

The Culturally Responsive Educator should:

- Be culturally aware.
- Utilize culturally responsive instruction.
- Complete field placements with culturally different students.
- Develop an understanding of values of other cultures.

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MODEL FOR MULTICULTURAL CHANGE			
	Principles of Learning		ciples of ticultural
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Nature of the Lesson			
	Levels of Change	Elements	Lesson
	Exclusive	Content	Purpose, goals, objectives, schedule, readings, materials
	Inclusive	Instruction	Assignment, schedule, lesson description
	Transformed	Assessment	Assignments, Policies
		Dynamics	Educational Beliefs, Lesson Description, 7 Support Services

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The Exclusive Level

- Reading materials focus on authors who perpetuate and confirm myths.
- Instructional strategies are mainly basic question and answer, and other basic didactic methods.
- Instruction is teacher-centered.
- Exams are objective & assignments focus on content only.

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The Inclusive Level

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- Diversity is discussed throughout the lesson and compared to the dominant norm.
- Reading materials include authors with varying & diverse viewpoints.

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The Inclusive Level

- A wide array of assessment methods and various speakers add flavor to the content.
- Instruction remains teacher-centered.
- A variety of methods are used to relate new knowledge.
- Students are encouraged to construct their own knowledge and use critical thinking skills in conjunction with peer learning.

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- Instruction is teacher-centered.
- Exams are objective & assignments focus on content while avoiding social dynamics.

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- Reading materials include authors with varying & diverse viewpoints.
- Social views are discussed but not elaborated upon.

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- Students learn from each other and concepts and personal experiences are analyzed.
- Transformed courses represent a paradigm shift that present content from a diverse perspective.
- Self-assessment and reflection techniques are employed that encourage sharing, diverse perspectives and equity in participation and critical problem solving.
- Instruction centers on content related vignettes that require application and examination of values.

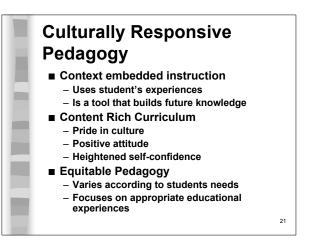
Culture

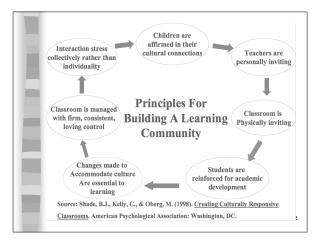
- Various factors that shape one's sense of group identity (Turnbull et. Al., 195, p. 8).
- Defined as "the way of life of a social group; the human-made environment". Cultures are dynamic, complex, and changing. (Banks, 1994a, pp. 50-51)
- Is determined by the "world view, values, styles, and language" (Hilliard, 1980, p. 585)

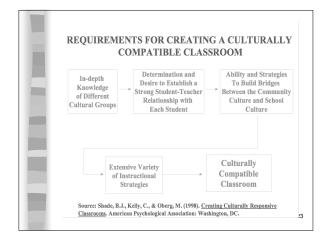
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Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

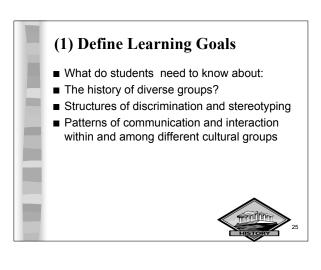
- Interactive and experiential teaching
 - Empowers Learners
 - Share the Learning Process
 - Teachers Provide Guidance in the Construction of Learning
- Classroom materials should reflect diversity

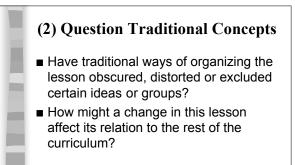






What are the Steps to Designing Culturally Responsive Instruction? In (1) Define Learning Goals In (2) Question Traditional Concepts In (3) Understand Student Diversity In (4) Select Materials and Activities In (5) How do I prepare to use culturally responsive instruction?





(3) Understand Student Diversity
 What kinds of diverse perspectives and experiences will students bring to the class?
 How can I assess students' prior knowledge of race class, gender, etc.?
 How can I incorporate diverse voices without relying on students to speak for different groups?
 How will my own characteristics and background affect the learning environment?
 Will some students see me as a role model more readily than others?
 How can I teach to all students?

(4) Select Materials and Activities
 Is there a new thematic approach to this material that will help to foreground cultural diversity?
 How do I integrate new material so that it's not simply an "add-on"?
 What teaching strategies will facilitate student learning of this new material?

(5) How Do I Prepare to Use Culturally Responsive Instruction?

- What are my strengths and limitations relative to the new content and teaching techniques?
- How will I assess student learning in the culturally responsive lesson?
- How will I handle difficult or controversial subjects in class discussion?
- What resources are available to assist teachers members in transforming lessons? (Schmitz, 1999)



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Lesson Objectives

- Issues of diversity should be an inherent part of lesson conceptualization.
- The course description and objectives should reflect the ways in which the course will contribute to the development of awareness of diversity.

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Text / Reading / Materials

■ The readings and materials used in the lesson should include the interests and contributions of diverse populations and should reflect multiple perspectives.

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Lesson Requirements Projects and or Activities

- Information and activities related to issues of diversity should be infused throughout the course, as opposed to isolated to a single session or segment of the class.
- This does not preclude sessions that are designed specifically to highlight issues of diversity, but does suggest that this should not be the only means by which issues are addressed.

Lesson Requirements Projects and or Activities

■ Example:

- Interview a parent of a child with a disability from a different culture. Discuss family values, family likes and dislikes. Discuss discipline practices used in the student's home.
- Ask questions to help determine what are the parent's expectations of the school, teachers and administrators.

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- Because of variance in learning styles, it is important to provide varied activities through which students gain knowledge or skills, as well as demonstrate competence.
- For example, consider the format in which learning activities are presented (e.g., large group discussion, small group activity, reading assignment, simulation, performance activity, etc.).
- If care is no taken to balance the type of activities used, students whose cognitive style that do not match that favored by the instructor may be placed at a disadvantage.

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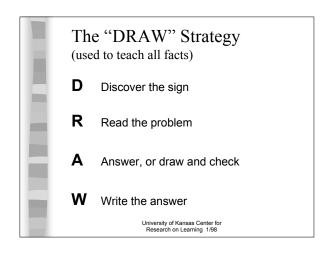
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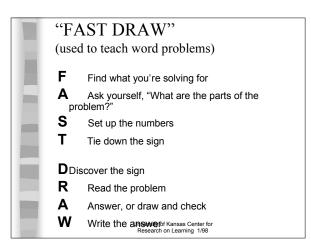
- Empirically sound pedagogy
- Uses the learners' current skills to build new skills
- Respects the learners' culture and includes aspects of the learners' culture into instruction
- Involves the systematic assessment and instruction informed by student data (Gardner, Al-Hassan, & Hessler, Oct., 2003)

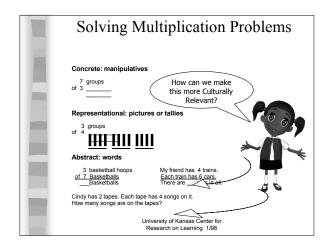
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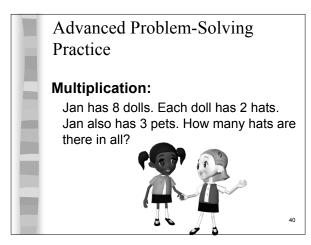
Strategic Math Series: The Learning Strategy Series

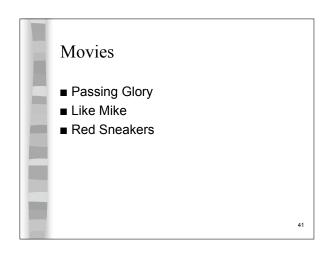
- Empirically validated
- Employs explicit and direct instruction principles
- Mnemonic Strategy
- Coleman (1999) noted positive results with three third-grade students (two African American males, one biracial male) when she utilized the Multiplication Facts 0 to 81 and the "DRAW" procedures to teach multiplication skills

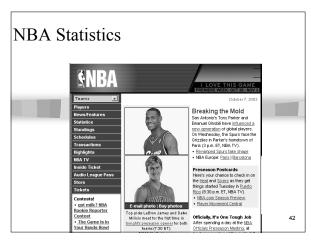


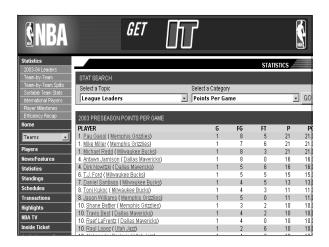


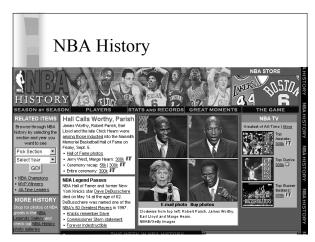


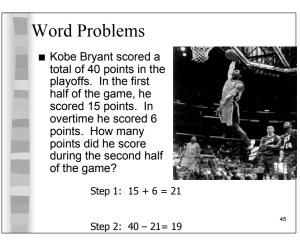


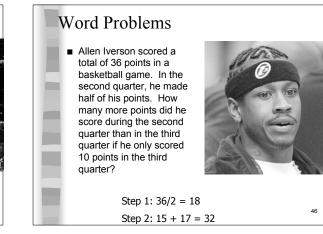


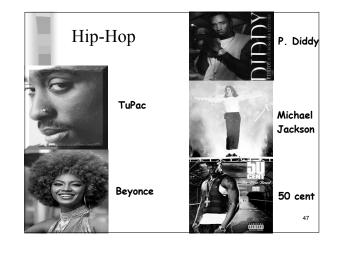


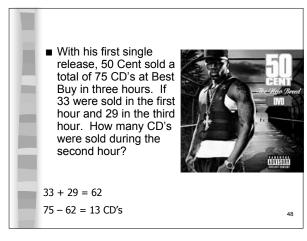












Modern Math Activities

- As we all know, eating is a favorite past time for many people.
- Students love to eat and to discuss what they like to eat.
- Why not incorporate eating into a math activity??



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How can these games benefit students with disabilities?

- Playing pieces serve as manipulatives.
 They facilitate the learning of counting, basic operations, and estimation.
- It requires memory, observation, and concentration.
- Promotes social interaction.
- Develops fine motor skills
- Encourages cooperation and competition.
- Reinforces multiculturalism.
- It teaches strategies and critical thinking skills.

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Menu Math

- Many students enjoy going out to dinner, and some students may not have had the opportunity to order at a "sit down" restaurant.
- This activity embraces two things that students enjoy.....
- Menu math was created to help teach math and social skills in a fun way.

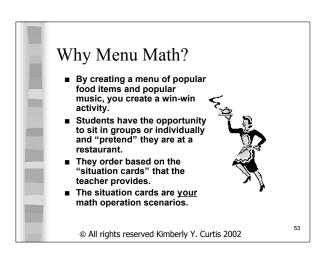
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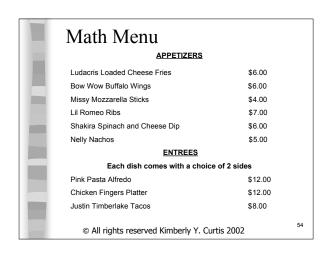
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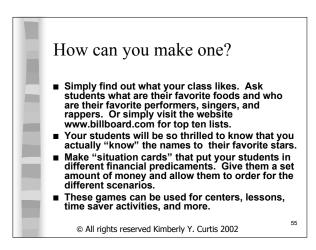
■ Food

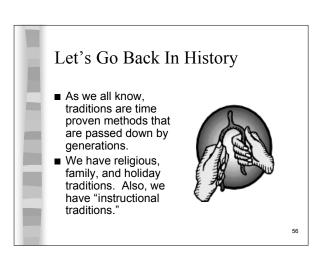
■ Music

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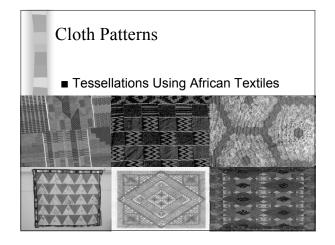


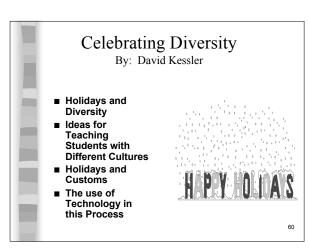


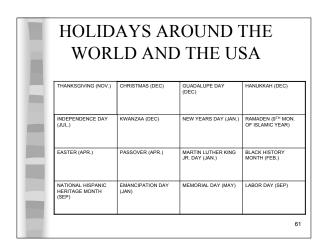


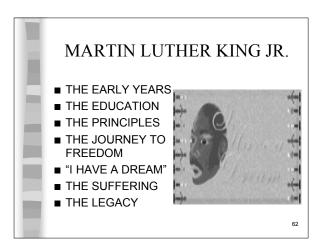


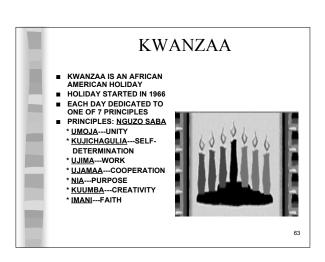












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CULTURES:

*GIVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE PEN PALS.
*READ PICTURE BOOKS ABOUT DIFFERENT COUNTRIES/
CULTURES.

*HAVE THE STUDENTS JOURNAL ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES
AND SIMILARITIES OF THE COUNTRIES/ CULTURES.

•EXPLORE CULINARY TRADITIONS.
•EXPLORE DECORATING TRADITIONS.
•EXPLORE ENTERTAINMENT / GAMES.

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