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%)
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