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CULTURALLY RELEVANT PEDAGOGY



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Helping students achieve high academic performance while maintaining cultural integrity.

Culturally relevant assessments, rigorous content tied to students' lived experiences.

How does this teaching practice support academic success for all students?



CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Encouraging students to appreciate their own culture and learn about others.

Lessons incorporating students' cultural backgrounds or community stories.

How does this lesson build students' cultural connections?



CRITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Teaching students to analyze and question inequities and injustices.

Lessons encouraging discussions about systemic bias or societal challenges.

How does this lesson help students address inequities in their communities?



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FIVE PURSUITS



IDENTITY

Helping students understand themselves and their cultural heritage.

Reflective activities like name origins, family stories, or cultural artifacts.

How does this lesson validate students' identities?



SKILLS

Developing academic, social-emotional, and critical thinking skills.

Literacy skills (decoding words, analyzing texts), problem-solving activities.

What academic or social-emotional skills does this lesson develop?



INTELLECT

Engaging students in rigorous, meaningful content.

Research projects, critical discussions on historical or scientific topics.

How does this lesson challenge students to think deeply?



CRITICALITY

Encouraging students to analyze power, equity, and justice in society.

Discussions about representation in media, systemic bias, or societal challenges.

What issues of power or equity does this lesson address?



JOY

Celebrating learning, culture, and the human spirit.

Activities that connect learning to happiness, art, or music (e.g., creating joyful community projects).

How does this lesson spark curiosity or joy?