

Appendix: Making Further Connections

In addition, these lists provide topics and ideas for making further connections—with students, community, content, and cultures.

Further Connections With Students

- Share what you struggled with in H.S.
- Find out their interests/ask about them
- Share your interests
- Learn about their family life
- Ask students to share their cultures
- Hold a culture day
- Share life experience with students
- Focus on use of positive language
- “Who am I” project
- Incorporate popular culture
- Use questionnaire
- Diverse guest speakers
- Icebreakers
- Relationships
- Look deep into their eyes...
- Value individual strengths
- KNOW their NAMES
- Listen and encourage
- Build connections
- Be cool
- Be interested
- Be involved
- Be hip
- Students will engage with things from their cultures
- Listen to what they are listening to
- Watch what they are watching
- Read what they are reading
- Have all students talk/share in class often

Connections With Community

- Approachable attitudes
- Fundraisers
- Student art shows or murals
- Dramatic reading of a play

- Back to school night – connect with parents
- Have a concert in the open
- Field trips
- Opportunities for student volunteerism (hospitals, rest homes, etc.)
- Incorporate current events in class
- Potlucks
- Interview community members for school newspaper
- Invite guest speakers from other countries to share their experiences

Content

- Inventive spelling
- Writing in their native language
- Inclusive of cultures in lessons (knowledgeable)
- Translate poems/songs from their cultures
- Share music from other cultures
- Learn about content area “heroes” from other cultures
- Fun, engaging, relevant lessons from other cultures
- Include other cultures during content presentations
- Find cultural “heroes” related to content area
- Use student names in class for word problems
- Use multicultural texts and resources
- Show different perspectives on content
- Use Olympic Games when appropriate
- Dance
- Use visual aids
- Biographies from historical figures

Cultures

- Presentations from students about their cultures, history
- Life in a box!
- Have representations of different cultures in your classroom
- Have a project on a person from another culture
- Utilize speakers from other communities
- Field trips
- Choral music repertoire
- Students’ background highlighted
- International club
- Sports - all countries
- Use historical events
- Multicultural literature
- Parent interview

- Student to student biographies
- Mathematicians-of-the-month from around the world (other content areas too)
- Music from around the world
- Medicines from around the world