



The Black Intellectual Tradition and the Great Conversation

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Lesson 12: Bringing Diversity into the Classroom

Outline:

Bringing Diversity into the Classroom

- In your classroom, how can you show that everyone is invited into this great conversation?
- What are you doing to make sure every child feels seen?
- How are you finding ways to make sure their culture is welcome?
- Do something to acknowledge the colors that are in your school?
- Celebrate someone every month who is a person of color.
- Stick with your curriculum, continue to use them, but insert some things to make your space a welcoming space.
 - When we study other beliefs, we learn a little bit more about ourselves.
 - Do this once a month right after devotions.
 - Have one day a year called Heritage Day, where students research other ethnic groups. Create a museum and celebrate humanity.
 - Post pictures in your classroom that show diverse people that studied classics.
 - Students need to see and hear their story.
 - Be intentional about showing the intersection of humanity. Show where Ethiopia, Asia, and Egypt.
 - Be intentional about showing diversity in ancient Greece and Rome.
 - Purchase an anthology of African American literature.
- Classical education is not meant to exclude anyone. Make sure your school and your classroom proves that to be so.
- In our Bible curriculum, be careful about only showing white people as representing the scripture.