



CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE EDUCATION

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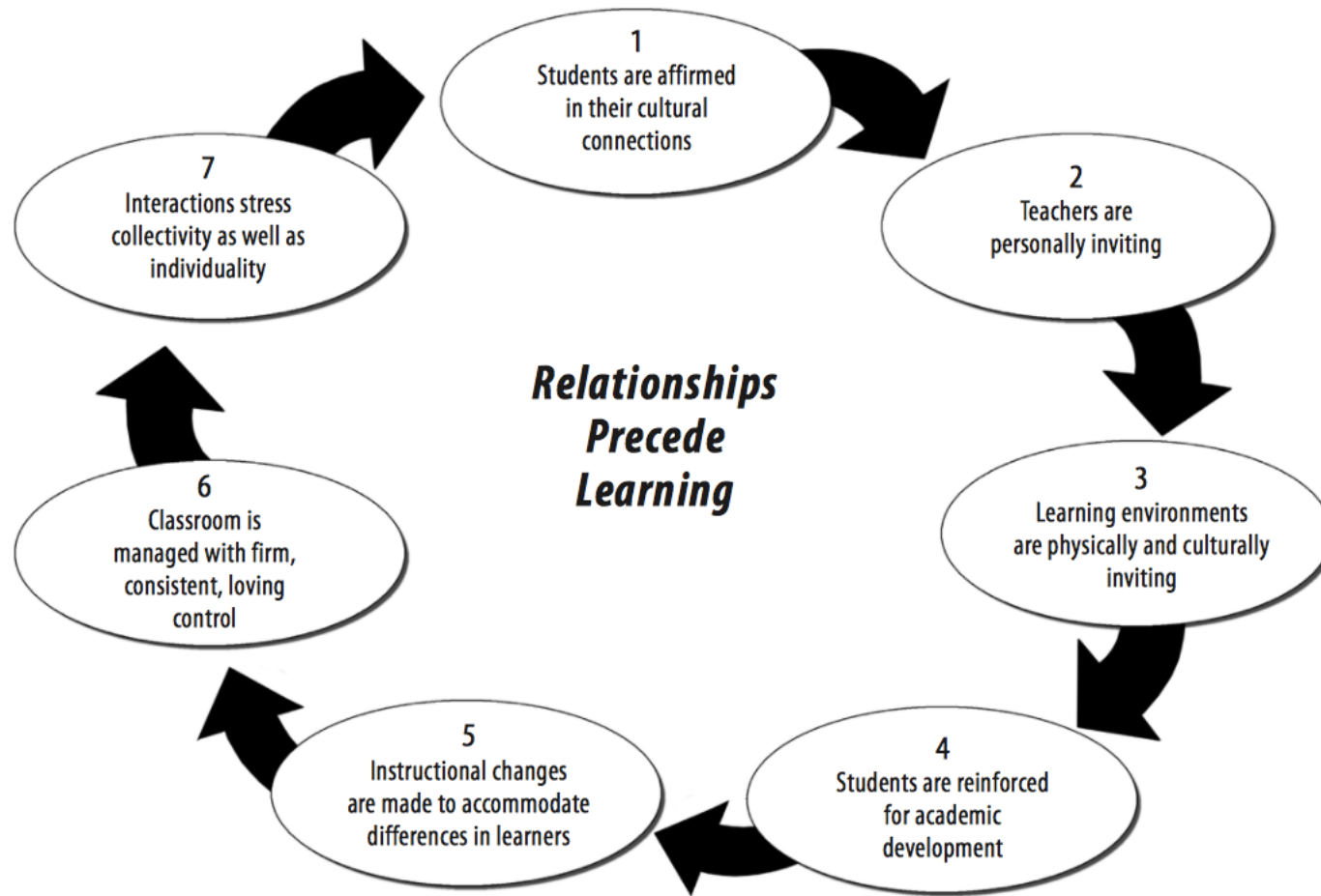
Culturally Responsive Teaching/Education

- Culturally Responsive Teaching is a pedagogy that recognizes the importance of including students' cultural references in all aspects of learning ([Ladson-Billings,1994](#)).
- Culturally Responsive Teaching and Culturally Responsive Education are used interchangeably in the research literature.

Culturally Responsive Education

- ❖ Culturally responsive teaching can be defined as using the cultural knowledge, prior experiences, frames of reference, and performance styles of ethnically and economically diverse students to make learning encounters more relevant to and effective for them...
- ❖ **Culturally responsive teaching has the following characteristics:**
- ❖ It acknowledges the legitimacy of the cultural heritages of different ethnic groups, both as legacies that affect students' dispositions, attitudes, and approaches to learning and as worthy content to be taught in the formal curriculum.
- ❖ It builds bridges of meaningfulness between home and school experiences as well as between academic abstractions and lived sociocultural realities.
- ❖ It uses a wide variety of instructional strategies that are connected to different learning styles.
- ❖ It teaches students to know and praise their own and each others' cultural heritages.
- ❖ It incorporates multicultural information, resources, and materials in all the subjects and skills routinely taught in schools. (Gay, 2001)

7 Principles for Culturally Responsive Teaching



Creating Culturally Responsive Classrooms, 1997, Shade, Kelly, and Oberg. Order from: APA Order Department, PO Box 92984, Washington, DC 20090-2984

Culturally responsive education is less about using racial pride as a motivator and more about mimicking students' cultural learning styles and tools. These are the strategies their moms, dads, grandmas, and other community folks use to teach them life skills and basic concepts long before they come to school and during out-of-school time. (Z. Hammond, 2015)

3 TIPS TO MAKE ANY LESSON MORE CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE

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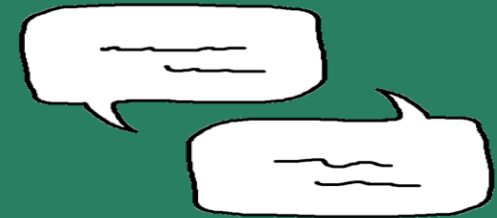


1. Gamify it.

Most games employ a lot of the cultural tools you'd find in oral traditions – repetition, solving a puzzle, making connections between things that don't seem to be related.

2. Make it social.

Organizing learning so that students rely on each other will build on diverse students' communal orientation.



3. Storify It.

Diverse students (and all students) learn content more effectively if they can create a coherent narrative about the topic or process presented.

Benefits of Culturally Responsive Education

- Empowers students to find their way out of a possible learning achievement gap.
- Helps teachers understand the cultural nuances that govern student behavior and the teaching and learning process.
- Being culturally responsive encourages students to feel a sense of belonging and helps create a safe space where they feel safe, respected, heard, and challenged.