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CULTURE IN EDUCATION



- ACTIONS, BEHAVIOUR
- SPEECH, LANGUAGE

• THOUGHT, VALUES Culture: a pattern of group behavior taught and learned.













• We speak English at school.

• We speak *Lakota* at home.

Cultural Alienationlanguage

• We speak English at school.

- We speak <u>Lakota</u> at home.
- Therefore, my home language is bad!

Cultural Alienationlanguage • The poster shows eggs, brown toast, and orange juice.

Cultural Alienation-food

• The poster shows eggs, brown toast, and orange juice.

• I had corn soup and bannock at home.

Cultural Alienation - food

- The poster shows eggs, brown toast, and OJ.
- I had corn soup and bannock at home.
- Therefore, my home food is bad!

Cultural Alienation-food

• Dick and Jane's father wears a suit, a fedora, and carries a briefcase.

Cultural Alienationparents

- Dick and Jane's father wears a suit, a fedora, and carries a briefcase.
- *My father wears jeans and a blue work shirt.*

Cultural Alienationparents

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- *My father wears jeans and a blue work shirt.*
- Therefore my father is bad!

Cultural alienationparents • Which European explorer believed he discovered North America?

Cultural Alienationhistory

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- The elders say we have been here from time immemorial.

Cultural Alienationhistory

- Which European explorer believed he discovered North America.
- The elders say we have been here from time immemorial.
- The elders have lied to me!
 Cultural Alienation- history

• Progress involves harvesting natural resources, taming the earth, and developing cities.

Cultural Alienation-land

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• We are given just enough to survive for now.

Cultural Alienation-land

- Progress involves harvesting natural resources, taming the earth, and developing cities.
- We are given just enough to survive for now.
- We are not creative or motivated!

Cultural Alienation-land



The First Generation:

BEWILDERMENT What from the old country works here?

Acculturational Syndrome

Second Generation:

REJECTION I want to fit in as quickly as I can.

Acculturational Syndrome

Third Generation:

PSEUDOACCULTURATION I am the same as everyone else.

Acculturational Syndrome

Fourth Generation:

BICULTURAL I want to know my roots and be a fully functioning citizen in this country.

Acculturational Syndrome

• Everyone lives like Dick and Jane.

Mono-ethnic Education

- Everyone lives like Dick and Jane.
- "I just teach content."
- OUTCOME: To live in a world that doesn't exist.

Mono-ethnic Education

• Basic Education BUT...

- Take time out to learn ethnic niceties.
- "Let's observe African history month."
- "Let's observe Aboriginal day."

Ethnic Additive

- A way of teaching basic education.
- TEACH A CONCEPT... and show how several populations in the country manifest this concept.
 - e.g. Historical Period e.g systems

e.g. Math base

e.g. Leadership letters e.g. Business

Multicultural Education

Early Contact

- Frontier and Treaty Period
- Residential Schools
- Modern Urbanization

First Nations History

• Successful 500,000 year history

- Early Contact
- Frontier and Treaty Period
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First Nations History

Western LEARNING Indigenous procedure a. Brief observation b. Initial hypothesis c. Test hypothesis – trial and self correction d. Learning

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- **b**. Understanding
- c. Act on understanding

Western LEARNING *Indigenous* **PROCEDURE**

a. Brief observation

correction

d. Learning

- b. Initial hypothesisc. Test hypothesis –
- trial and self correction
- d. Learning
- a. Long observation to learnb. Understanding
- c. Act on understanding
- d. If a mistake,
 - RETURN TO OBSERVATION











" Let us put our minds together and see what kind of life we can make for our children."



-Tatanka Iyotanka

(Sitting Bull)

