

# Key Components to Culturally Responsive Teaching: You Can Do This!

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## What is CRT?

- It can be defined as using the cultural knowledge, prior experiences, frames of reference, and performance styles of ethnically diverse students to make learning encounters *more relevant to and effective for them.*



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- It teaches *to and through* the strengths of these students.
- It is culturally *validating and affirming*.

## Characteristics - Validating

- 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 a worthy content to be taught in the formal curriculum.
- Black history is American history!



## Characteristics - Validating

- It builds bridges of meaningfulness between home and school experiences as well as between academic abstractions and lived sociocultural realities.
- The Algebra Project

## Characteristics - Validating

- It uses a wide variety of instructional strategies that are connected to different learning styles.
- Examples?



## Characteristics - Validating

- It teaches students to know and praise their own and each others' cultural heritages.

## Characteristics - Validating

- It incorporates multicultural information, resources, and materials in all the subjects and skills routinely taught in schools.



## Characteristics - Comprehensive

- In classrooms, students function like members of an extended family, assisting, supporting, and encouraging each other.
- The entire class is expected to rise or fall together, and it is in the best interest of everyone to ensure that each individual member of the group is successful.

## Characteristics - Multidimensional

- It encompasses curriculum content, learning context, classroom climate, student-teacher relationships, instructional techniques, and performance assessments.



## Characteristics - Empowering

- Students have to believe they can succeed in learning tasks and be willing to pursue success relentlessly until mastery is obtained.
- Teachers must show students that they expect them to succeed and commit themselves to making success happen.

## Characteristics - Transformative

- It deals with confronting and transcending the cultural hegemony nested in much of the curriculum content and classroom instruction of traditional education.
- It develops social consciousness, intellectual critique, and political efficacy in students so that they can combat prejudices, racism, and other forms of oppression and exploitation.



## Characteristics - Emancipatory

- It releases the intellect of students of color from the constraining manacles of mainstream canons of knowledge and ways of knowing.

## Pillar of CRT - Caring

- It is manifested in the form of teacher attitudes, expectations, and behaviors about students' human value, intellectual capability, and performance responsibilities.



## Main Reference

- *Culturally Responsive Teaching: Theory, Research and Practice* - Dr. Geneva Gay

# Questions?





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