

Different cultures

One of the app activities asked...

How many different cultures are represented in your school?

ONE: Beyond having some fun in a class in a quick 'memory' activity how would you really find out?

How will you find out if you wanted to be accurate? Is that information already available? Do people self nominate? Do people select from a list given to them?



TWO: But what is it you are asking people to identify with?

What does the word culture really mean? How do you categorise a culture? What makes something a 'culture'? Is it specific to a country? Specific to a region? Traditions? Religion? Physical make up? Are we all part of a culture of one sort or another? Can we be in more than one culture? Are you always part of that culture? For life?

What is good about labelling someone as being from a culture? What isn't so good about it? What are the dangers of labelling?

THREE: Find out some more about a culture and one person's experience of it.

Once gathered share the stories – display them.

Things to find out about...create some questions around these headings...are there some other headings you could use?

- ◆ Geography?
- ◆ Economy?
- ◆ Religion(s)?
- ◆ Traditions?
- ◆ Changes over time?
- ◆ Music? Arts? Crafts? Sports?
- ◆ Family?
- ◆ Home?
- ◆ School?

If from another place find out about their journey from 'there to here'? How much of 'there' is still 'here'?

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