“Yes, I can do it!”

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Hispanic Heritage Learners

Using Cultural Capital to Motivate our Students

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Number of Languages Spoken in the 15 Largest Metro Areas

- **New York**: 200 languages, Population: 20M
- **Los Angeles**: 180 languages, Population: 15M
- **Washington D.C.**: 160 languages, Population: 10M
- **Seattle**: 140 languages, Population: 5M
- **Phoenix**: 120 languages, Population: 5M
- **San Francisco**: 100 languages, Population: 5M
- **Dallas**: 80 languages, Population: 5M
- **Chicago**: 60 languages, Population: 5M
- **Atlanta**: 40 languages, Population: 5M
- **Philadelphia**: 30 languages, Population: 5M
- **Houston**: 20 languages, Population: 5M
- **Riverside, Calif.**
- **Boston**: 2 languages, Population: 5M
- **Miami**: 2 languages, Population: 5M
- **Detroit**: 2 languages, Population: 5M

Source: 2009-2013 American Community Survey
For more information, see [www.census.gov/acs](http://www.census.gov/acs)
What is Culture?

Culture refers to behaviours and values that are learned, shared and exhibited by a group of people.

(Yosso, 2005)
What is Cultural Capital?

Cultural Capital “is knowledge, skills and other cultural acquisitions, as exemplified by educational or technical qualifications” (Bourdieu, 1990)
Critical Race Theory Lens

**Income:**
The dollars received from salaries, wages, and payments.

**Wealth:**
The total extent of an individual’s accumulated assets and resources.

**Figure 2.** A model of community cultural wealth. Adapted from: Oliver & Shapiro, 1995

- Aspirational Capital
- Familial Capital
- Social Capital
- Navigational Capital
- Linguistic Capital
- Resistant Capital
- Cultural Capital
- Community Cultural Wealth
In groups please write a story from the words listed above. You are only allowed to use the words as they are listed above.

La gente vive en las casas de cartón, el mundo está muy triste, bajando la ciudad por los techos de las casas de cartón.
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En el ciudad, casas de cartón la lluvia está bajando en los techos. Hoy la gente vive triste. Abajo del los casas de cartón la lluvia pesa mucho en los techos.
In groups please write a story from the words listed above. You are only allowed to use the words as they are listed above.

Abajo de los techos vive gente,

hay viene la lluvia

Ayer en la mañana la gente triste oye las casas de cartón por la lluvia

la ciudad está triste
Vive- vive-vive
y

In groups please write a story from the words listed above. You are only allowed to use the words as they are listed above.

Un lluvia triste pesa en los techos de las casas de cartón. La gente en la ciudad tiene casas de cartón.

mañana en la ciudad viene
Casas de Cartón

History
Language
The Arts
What is Cultural Capital?

References:
What do these terms have in common?

- Cipote
- Patojo
- Guagua
- Pelado
- Chamo
Niño / Bebé
Maslow’s hierarchy of needs
Cultural Literacy

✦ Appropriate cultural elements that reflect diversity.
✦ Activities that develop respect for the different cultural backgrounds.
✦ A representation of a variety of elements that focus on both the similarities and differences of all Hispanic/Latino cultures.
✦ Use of oral communication that is culturally appropriate to each situation.
✧ Sensitivity to the different cultural backgrounds of the student in the classroom.

✧ The development of the necessary skills to reorganize and respond to different cultural situations and experiences. (Infante, 14)

TOOLS

• Student personal observations of family and community.

• Real Life Experiences /tasks.

• Technology (https://www.edmodo.com/home

• http://zachary-jones.com/zambombazo/

• Academic resources such as history books, literature, folktales.

• Academic rigorous curriculum.
A Reading Lesson

Domitila
A Cinderella Tale from the Mexican Tradition

Adapted by Joel Reinert Coburn
Foreword by Carmen Oleman
Connect > Compare

My Community Community

The Global

Diagram showing the relationship between 'My Community Community' and 'The Global'.