

# 20 WINNING WAYS To Bring Diversity Into Your Classroom



*Engaging ways  
to promote  
tolerance and  
understanding.*

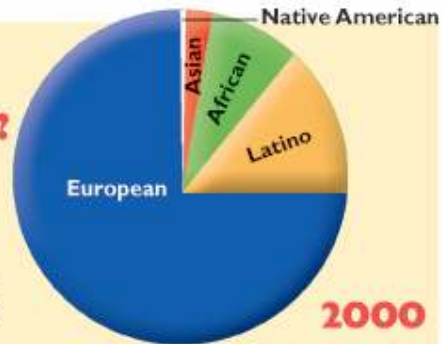
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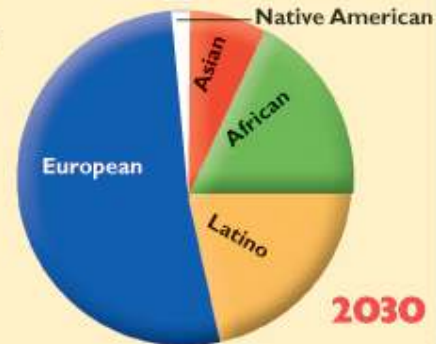
# America's Changing Face

## HOW ARE WE CHANGING?

In the year 2000, about three-quarters of us had our family roots in Europe. But by the year 2030, almost half of all Americans will have ties to Latin America, Africa, or Asia.



2000



2030

# What exactly IS Diversity?



***Think “Collection”***

What sorts of things do your students collect?

# The History of Diversity

Six Arms?



Half Horse?

Yellow Fur?

Long-necked?

*In 1493, a famous German mapmaker drew one of the first maps of the New World and added drawings based on some of the stories of the Ancient Greeks and Romans. His drawings show some very strange creatures—far different from the diverse people you've met (and will meet).*

# The Learning Curve

## Explaining Exclusion and Bias



***A delicate balance***



# Who's the Better Player?

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# 1. What Flavor Is It Really?

- A sweet way to start

[www.diversitybean.com](http://www.diversitybean.com)



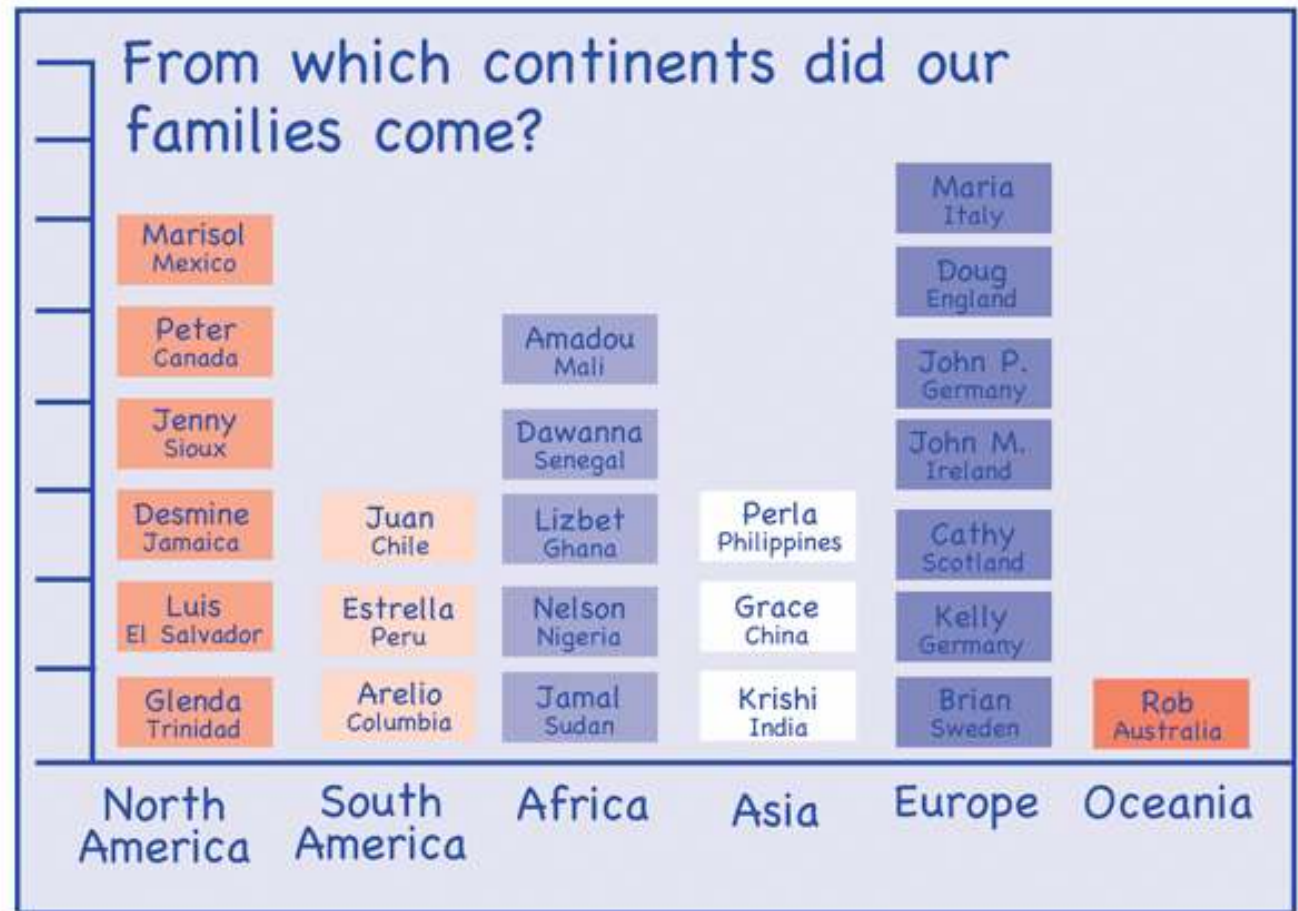
## 2. Pin the Tail on the World



- A library or online research project
- Good for differentiated learners

# 3. Diversity Classroom Graph

- Graph different aspects of your class  
eye color  
sports  
foods
- Correlates with SOL 2:3 and 3:6



# 4. Make Passports



- Encourage independent research
- Explains citizenship
- Explore the world

# 5.If Your Class Was the World

- Extrapolate the famous study
- Enhance math skills



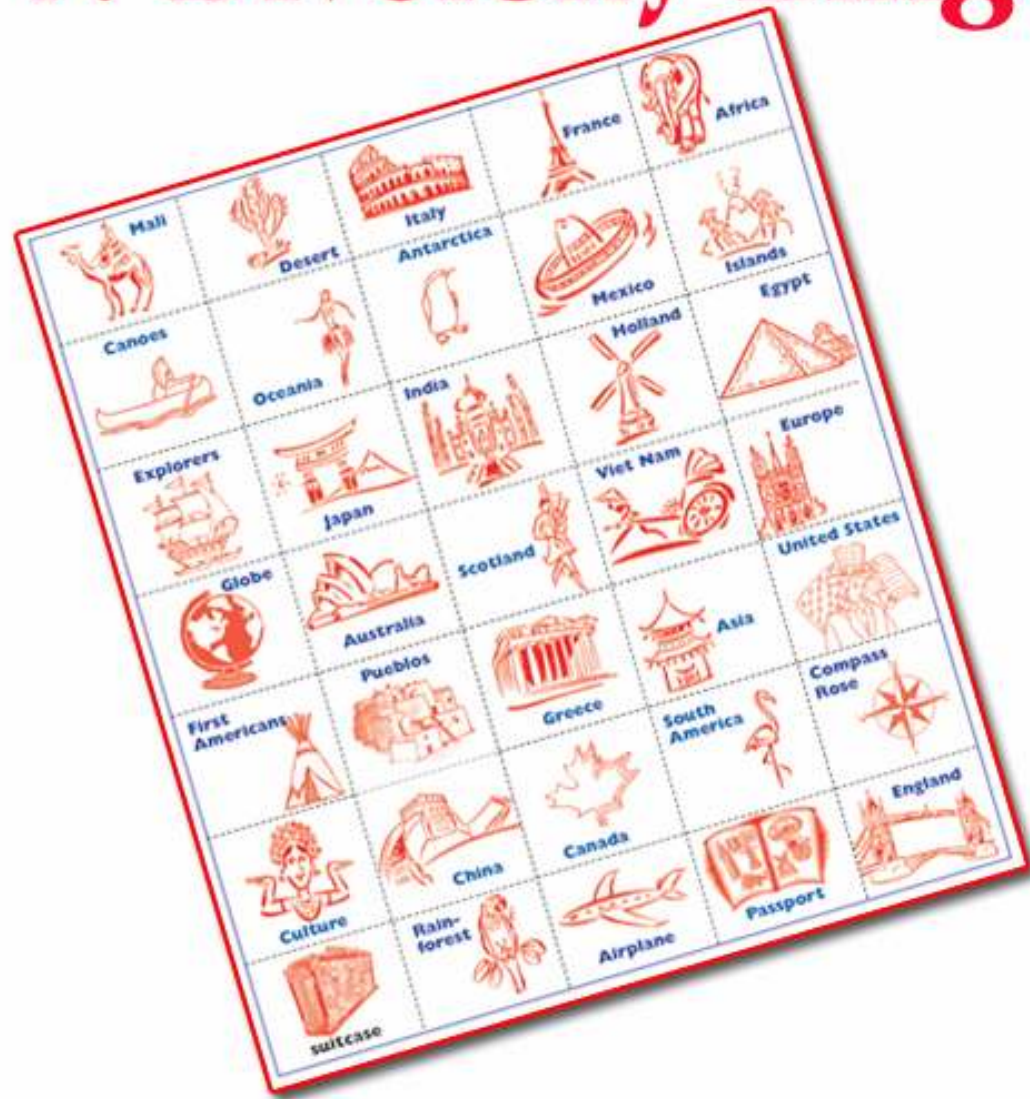
# 6. The Language Lab

- Turn your classroom into a life-sized dictionary
- A good way to welcome ESL students



# 7. Diversity Bingo

- Turn a game into a learning experience



# 8. Writing Workshop

If you could only pack one thing...



what would you take?

# 9. Diversity Pizzas



Who am I?  
These “tasty”  
pizzas spell it all  
out

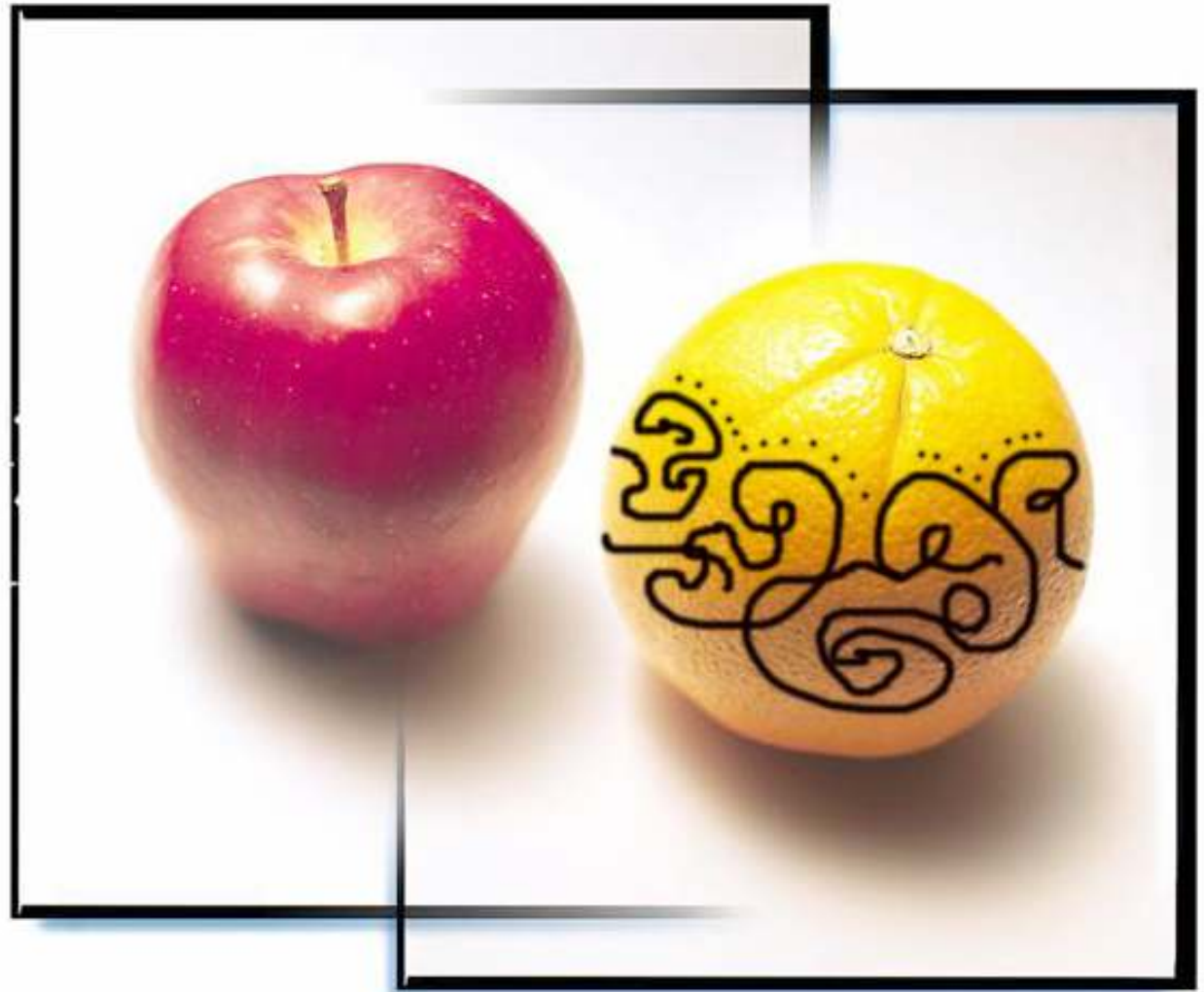
# 10. An International Cookbook



- Get a taste of the world
- Sample global foods
- Gather recipes from your student's families

# 11. The Fruit Bowl

- What is skin deep?
- Ap“peal”ing examples!



# 12. You've Got Mail



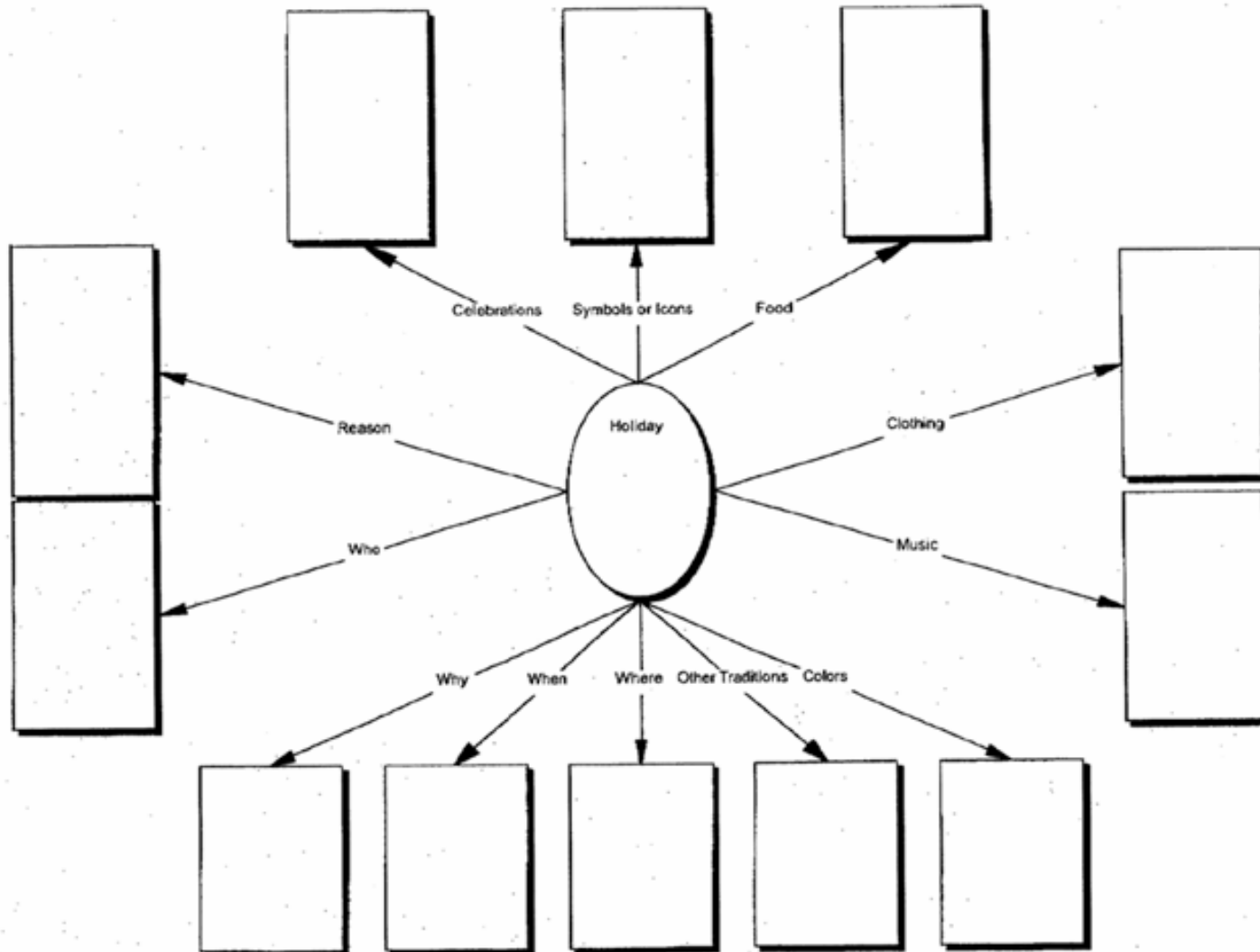
- [www.iecc.org](http://www.iecc.org)
- More than 7500 teachers participate in 52 countries

# 13. An International Calendar

- [www.kidlink.org/KIDPROJ/MCC/](http://www.kidlink.org/KIDPROJ/MCC/)
- Celebrate the world's holidays



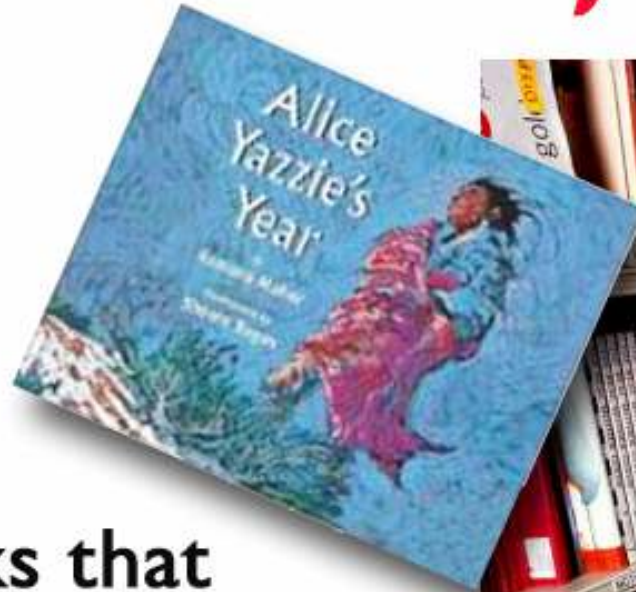
# 14. Invent a New Holiday



# 15. Build a Diversity Library

- Collect books that celebrate other cultures

[www.name.org/resources/awardwinning\\_books.htm](http://www.name.org/resources/awardwinning_books.htm)



# 16. An Immigrant Interview



*audio or videotape or  
“magazine-style”*

- Linking generations
- Why did they leave?
- How did they get here?
- What did they find?

# 17. Twenty Questions

- Finding commonalities with differences and similarities



*Do you like broccoli?*



*Do you have a dog?*



# 18. The Good In Us All

- Stressing the positive in everyone
- Friendly? Athletic? Funny? Raising a child's self-esteem



# 19. The Wide World of Food

- Use a map, some string, a few push-pins, and pictures of food (or the real thing) to raise kids' awareness of where foods come from.



## 20. A Multicultural Market or Museum Day



- An end-of-year culminating celebration of diversity

- Display crafts, artifacts, stories

- Play ethnic music

- Wear native costumes