

# 10 MULTICULTURAL ICEBREAKERS





FOSTERING A MULTICULTURAL CLASSROOM SINCE DAY ONE!



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Icebreakers can be the way to encourage students to share their cultures, preferences, and home country stories. It can help create an interesting and inclusive learning environment since the first day of school. Here's a list of icebreakers for this purpose:

- 1. "Cultural Tidbits": Have each student share a unique aspect of their culture or country, such as a traditional dish, a famous landmark, or a popular festival.
- 2. "Home Country Map": Ask students to draw or present a map of their home country, pointing out important cities, landmarks, and cultural sites while sharing interesting facts.
- 3. "Preference Pairing": Divide students into pairs and have them discuss their favorite foods, music, hobbies, or traditions from their respective cultures.
- 4. "Language Sampler": Encourage students to teach each other basic phrases or greetings in their native languages.
- 5. "Cultural Artifact Show-and-Tell": Ask students to bring in an item that represents their culture or country and share its significance with the class.
- 6. "Picture Story": Have students bring or share a picture of a significant place or event from their home country, explaining the story behind it.
- 7. "Traditional Attire Day": Organize a day where students can dress in traditional clothing from their cultures and explain the significance of the attire.
- 8. "Cultural Music Playlist": Have students create a playlist of songs from their home country and share the music with the class, explaining the cultural significance of each song.
- 9. "Cultural Superstitions": Discuss cultural superstitions or beliefs from different countries and allow students to share examples from their own culture.
- 10. "Cultural Dance Lesson": Invite students to teach a traditional dance from their culture to the rest of the class.
- 11. "Cultural Comparison": Have students compare and contrast customs or traditions from their home countries with those of the host country or other countries represented in the class.
- 12. "Cultural Holidays": Ask students to share their favorite holiday celebrations or traditions from their home countries.
- 13. "Cultural Story Circle": Create a storytelling circle where students take turns sharing folktales, myths, or legends from their cultures.
- 14. "Cultural Quizzes": Prepare short quizzes with interesting facts about different cultures and have students form teams to compete and learn from each other.

Remember to approach these activities with sensitivity and respect for the diversity of your students. Some may feel more comfortable sharing than others, so it's essential to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone to participate.

We hope you have a blast learning more from your students!

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# Thank you for downloading my resources!

Remember that on my website, I have diverse materials and resources that help you to flip your classroom into a multicultural place, where your students will be able to experience the world through Arts and culture. Several Multicultural activities, for all grade levels, Project-Based Learning, Arts Integration, and student choice-based are some examples.

I am glad to have you on this journey and remember: Be Creative Today!

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