

Culturally
Responsive
Teaching



What is Culturally Responsive Teaching?

Culture is central to learning. It plays a role not only in communicating and receiving information, but also in shaping the thinking process of groups and individuals. A pedagogy that acknowledges, responds to, and celebrates fundamental cultures, offers full, equitable access to education for students from all cultures.

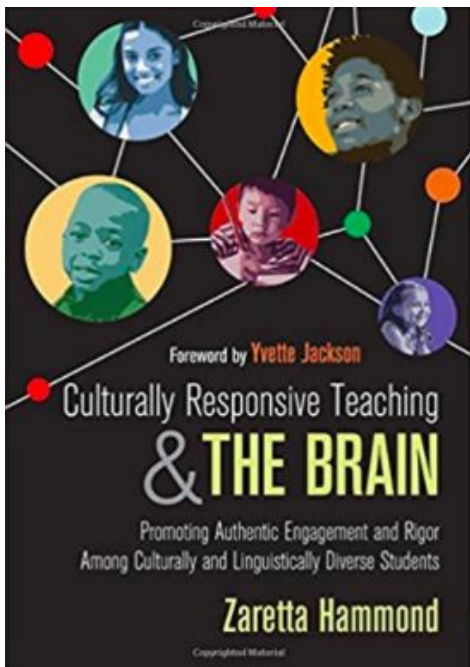
Culturally Responsive Teaching is a pedagogy that recognizes the importance of including students' cultural references in all aspects of learning (Ladson-Billings, 1994).

Some of the characteristics of culturally responsive teaching are:

- ★ Positive perspectives on parents and families
- ★ Communication of high expectations
- ★ Learning within the context of culture
- ★ Student-centered instruction
- ★ Culturally mediated instruction
- ★ Reshaping the curriculum
- ★ Teacher as facilitator

<https://www.brown.edu/academics/education-alliance/teaching-diverse-learners/strategies-0/culturally-responsive-teaching-0>

Culturally Responsive Education and Brain Research



"Culturally responsive teaching is about helping culturally and linguistically diverse students who have been marginalized in schools build their skill and capacity to do rigorous work. The focus isn't on motivation but on improving their brainpower and information processing skills."

- Zaretta Hammond in Education Week Teacher

Tips for A Culturally Responsive Classroom

- Proactively engage parents
- Learn about your students (interview)
- Integrate relevant real-world problems
- Present new concepts by using student vocabulary
- Bring in guest speakers
- Deliver different forms of content through learning stations (games, art, multimedia, puzzles, audio clips)
- Gamify lessons
- Call on each student
- Student choice/voice
- Cooperative grouping
- Peer teaching

Culturally Responsive Teaching: Resources

- ❖ Practical Blog post:
<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/culturally-responsive-teaching-strategies/>
- ❖ Brown University Education Alliance:
<https://www.brown.edu/academics/education-alliance/teaching-diverse-learners/strategies-0/culturally-responsive-teaching-0>
- ❖ Culturally Responsive Differentiated Instructional Strategies:
<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/scmsAdmin/uploads/005/120/Culturally%20Responsive%20Differentiated%20Instruction.pdf>
- ❖ Teaching Channel-CRT and the Brain:
<https://www.teachingchannel.org/blog/2016/10/20/crt-the-brain/>