



Celebrate Teachers for Supporting Students’ Freedom to Learn

New Classroom Lessons on IDRA SEEN School Resource Hub

Teachers create magic. Day after day, teachers are preparing students for a strong future as adults in diverse communities.

IDRA’s award-winning [SEEN School Resource Hub – We All Belong](#) is growing to provide teachers with lesson plans, instructional best practices and historical resources to support them in delivering culturally-sustaining classroom lessons.

To build this resource, we first listened to teachers and students who want lessons on history and current events about race and gender and to help provide context to discrimination they have experienced.

“We designed our School Resource Hub to help educators feel supported in their work to prepare students to be able to think critically so they can succeed in college and beyond,” said Celina Moreno, J.D., IDRA President and CEO. “Students are not naïve to the world around them, and they want their teachers to open their eyes to history and to the world, not whitewash them.”

New lessons include:

- Landmark Supreme Court Case: *Brown v. Board of Education*
- Refusing to Forget: The Life of Jovita Idar
- Lesson: Black Americans and the Nazi Olympics
- The Cherokee People and the Trail of Tears: High School Lesson Plan
- Paul Revere or Sybil Ludington - Who Warned About the British Coming?
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality

The screenshot shows the IDRA SEEN School Resource Hub website. At the top, the IDRA logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Knitting the Issues', 'Organizing My Community', 'Making Change', 'News', 'Discussion Board', and 'Resource Hub' are on the right. Below the navigation is a large image of two young girls in a classroom, with the text 'Strong Communities. Strong Schools.' overlaid. Underneath the image are four buttons: 'Lesson Plans', 'Teaching Tools', 'Policy News', and 'Advocacy News'. The main heading is 'Free Lesson Plans for Teachers!'. Below this are four bullet points, each with a star icon: 'Lessons for elementary, middle and high school', 'Over 165 lesson plans, best practices and historical resources to support teachers in delivering culturally-sustaining classroom lessons.', 'Informed by students, families & educators', and 'Lessons for bilingual classrooms'. To the right of the text are three circular images: a portrait of Benjamin Franklin, a historical scene with a man on a horse, and a portrait of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. At the bottom, the URL 'https://idrased/hub' is displayed, followed by the IDRA logo and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

- Jewish LGBTQ Hero Poster Series Curriculum - Harvey Milk

Within the lessons, IDRA created a set of innovative original classroom lessons using a new "America Is Me" (AIM) framework for teaching intercultural skills: solidarity, social awareness, social-emotional wellness, sociocultural exchange, and social change. These skills are transferable across academic content areas.

A high school student focus group unanimously praised the lessons and expressed regret they had not had these lessons in school earlier. Feedback from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive. In focus groups, teachers who used AIM lessons in their classrooms validated the framework and appreciated how the lessons positively engaged and impacted their students.

Teacher professionals can apply the framework to the federal, state and district standards to foster student engagement. Sample AIM lessons include:



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Juneteenth: Freedom Day – Elementary students will learn why the Juneteenth holiday is celebrated. Important information retelling the story of June 19, 1865, the aftermath of freed people, plus the celebrations of past and present are told in the text.



The Real World: Understanding the Difference Education Makes – This highly-popular middle school lesson offers students an opportunity to understand how higher education is linked to higher weekly incomes and how income impacts an individual's quality of life.



CulturED Collection #1 - #GotCulture?: A Lesson on How Culture Shapes Us – In this high school lesson, students are introduced to important elements of culture. They come to understand how culture shapes the way we see ourselves, others and the world.



Yes, She Can: Malala Yousafzai – In this elementary lesson, students learn about Malala Yousafzai's efforts to ensure young girls have access to education and fair treatment. Students will make connections between her work and concerns in their communities and present a one-minute speech about their issues.

Dr. Kelly N. Ferguson and Dr. Marlon C. James, Equality and Equity Group, LLC, developed the AIM framework and lessons for IDRA. And IDRA has created modifications for emergent bilingual learners for each of the AIM lessons.

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IDRA is continually adding lesson plans and resources to the site. You can find them through search filters by subject, topic, resource type and grade. IDRA also offers training for educators on using the hub and walking through featured lessons. The site includes a Google Translate toggle button and has a comprehensive accessibility feature.

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