

Lesson: Citizenship Grades K-3
Topic: Community



Culture Clash

Introduction

In this lesson, students will explore if the fact that Farmer McGregor and Peter Rabbit do not get along is related to their culture.

Learning Outcomes

Ohio Standards

- Students use their knowledge of perspectives, practices and products of cultural, ethnic and social groups to analyze the impact of their commonality and diversity within local, national, regional and global settings.

Getting Started

Materials

- Pencil
- Venn diagram

Technology

Use the Internet to explore a culture different than your own. Then use Inspiration to develop a graphic organizer to compare the culture that you chose to your own.

Vocabulary

- Culture
- Clash

Lesson

Orientation Activity

Ask students to define culture. Write their ideas on the board and include that culture is the patterns, characteristics and products considered as belonging to a particular period, class, community, or population.

Learning Activity

Using a Venn Diagram on the board or overhead, ask students to describe the culture of the rabbits that lived with Peter Rabbit at the farm. Possible answers include: the rabbits forage for food, they live in dirt tunnels or holes, they like to eat vegetables, and they live in families. Next, ask students to describe any differences, or clashes, they notice between rabbit cultures and human culture

(Farmer McGregor). Possible answers include: humans grow their own food instead of foraging, they use machines, and they live in houses. Lastly, students could come up with ideas of what Peter Rabbit and Farmer McGregor share in their cultures. Write the student's ideas on the Venn Diagram.

Evaluation and Follow-up

Assessment Tools and Methods

Ask students to analyze the Venn Diagram and make a list of answers for this question:

- What it is about Farmer McGregor's culture and Peter Rabbit's culture that make it hard for them to get along?

Interdisciplinary Connections

Language Arts: Write a story about what would happen if Farmer McGregor would share his vegetables with Peter Rabbit, instead of Peter having to steal from Farmer McGregor in order to eat.