

Notes for primary school teachers

Every year as part of Law Week, the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board (ADB) runs a competition for young people across NSW to help familiarise them with the law and the role of the ADB. This year we are running a *Writing and Creative Arts Competition*. The theme of the competition is "Diversity makes the difference", and we are encouraging students to think about the positives of living in a world full of variety.

Attached you will find two worksheets for use with your students, which can be used to prompt discussion about discrimination and get students thinking about the positive aspects of diversity.

Notes for worksheet P1

Worksheet P1 shows a map of Australia and asks students to think about their world and the different people that make up it up. At this point a discussion could be held about some of the different groups listed and some of the prejudices and discrimination they may experience. The second part of the worksheet asks students to think about the positives of living in a world that is filled with variety and to list as many positives as they can in the blank boxes.

Students can do these worksheets in pairs or small groups. They can share with the larger group any ideas they came up with.

Notes for worksheet P2

Worksheet P2 is a puzzle in which students have to unscramble the words listed in bold capitals. All words relate to the positives of living in a world of variety. Students write the words in the correct order and then place the letters that are in shaded boxes at the end of the worksheet to work out the theme for the competition.

The answers are given below. They are also laid out in random order on the second page of these instructions. If you want to make the worksheet easier for younger children, you could give them a copy of that page and ask them to match the words with the clues in worksheet P2.

Answers:

1. Different 2. Live 3. Cultures 4. Races 5. Think 6. Ability 7. Music 8. Talk 9. New Skills 10. Tolerant
11. Others 12. Different 13. Viewpoints 14. Religions 15. Experiences.

Theme: "Diversity Makes the Difference".

Competition entry

The worksheets are intended to get students thinking about the theme of the competition, "Diversity Makes the Difference", and the positives about living in a world filled with variety. They can then put some of these ideas into a poem, song, drawing, poster, cartoon or PowerPoint presentation to enter into the competition. (See the competition details and entry form for more information.)

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