



RACE, ETHNICITY & SOCIAL CHANGE

3-4 WEEK INQUIRY UNIT

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Dive into this sensitive Sociology topic **with confidence** with this complete unit.

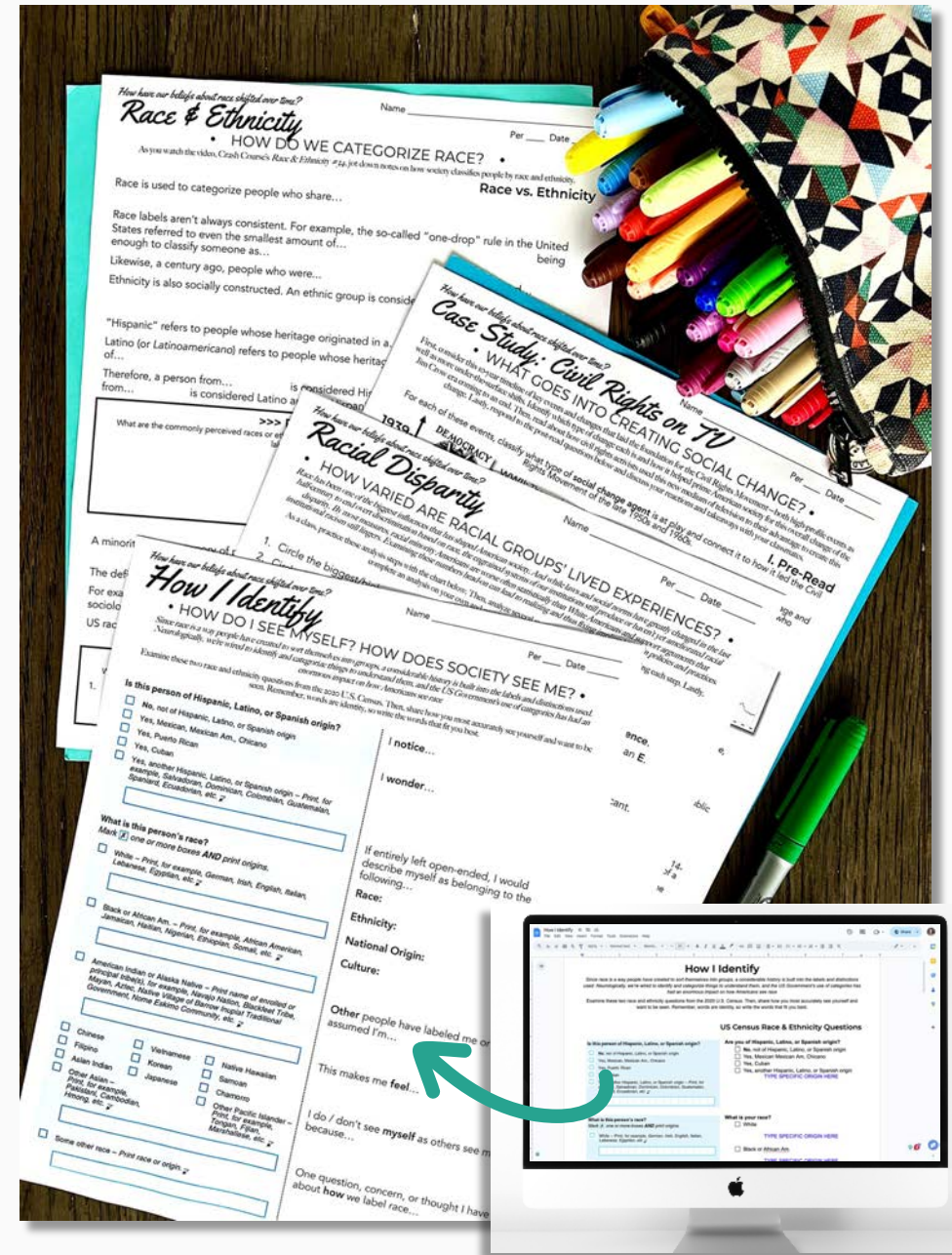
- ✓ 15 varied student activities plus 80-slide lecture kit with guided notes
- ✓ Unit overview and pacing guide
- ✓ Step-by-step daily lesson plans with accommodation ideas, lesson takeaways, and detailed answer keys
- ✓ Standards-aligned student "I can" checklist, unit review, and unit note taking sheets
- ✓ Lecture exit tickets, activity closing formative assessments, and unit test
- ✓ Suggestions for multiple ways to implement activities & notes on teaching sensitive topics

PRINT & DIGITAL OPTIONS INCLUDED

SOCIOLOGICAL TOPICS *covered*

- ✓ **Terminology:** historical and legal classifications over time; race, ethnicity, and minority groups
- ✓ **Race & ethnicity in US:** characteristics of major racial/ethnic groups and racial disparity today
- ✓ **Discrimination:** prejudice, discrimination, stereotypes; theories of racism, scapegoat theory
- ✓ **Racial interaction:** levels of interaction from amalgamation and assimilation to segregation and genocide

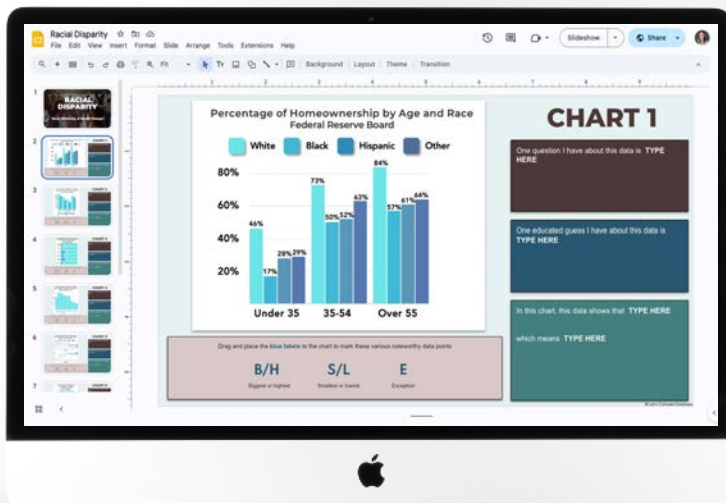
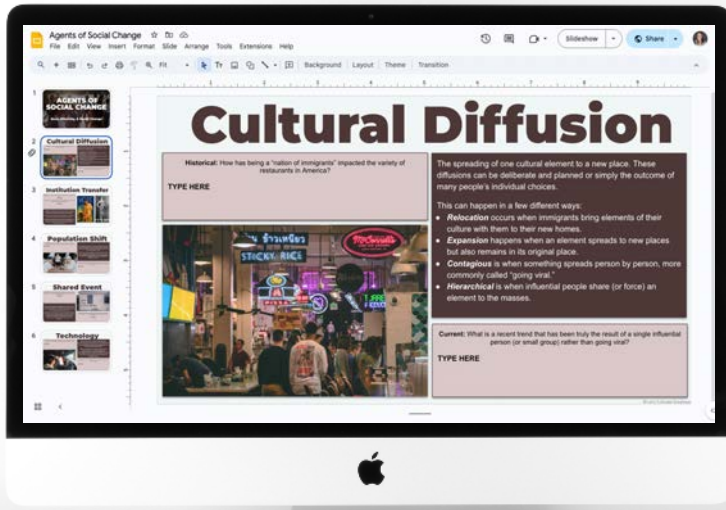
“As a first-year teacher of 12th grade Sociology, this resource was very beneficial! Students were **highly engaged** and the lessons were **easy to incorporate**. The PowerPoint lectures and notes also very well done. – **Gretchen D.**”



VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

included

- ✓ Analyzing Past & Current US Census's Race Labels
- ✓ Videos on Black and Spanglish code-switching
- ✓ Analyzing Racial Disparity Statistics
- ✓ Exploring Types of Social Change with Examples
- ✓ Analyzing Case Studies on Native Racial Identity & TV's Effect on the Civil Rights Movement
- ✓ Causes and effects of George Floyd's death as a catalyst of social change
- ✓ Documentary & Children's Movies to Explore Tricky Topics of Racism and Prejudice



“*The content and activities are **AMAZING!** My students are so much more engaged in the lesson and discussions and are able to really understand the Sociological concepts.*

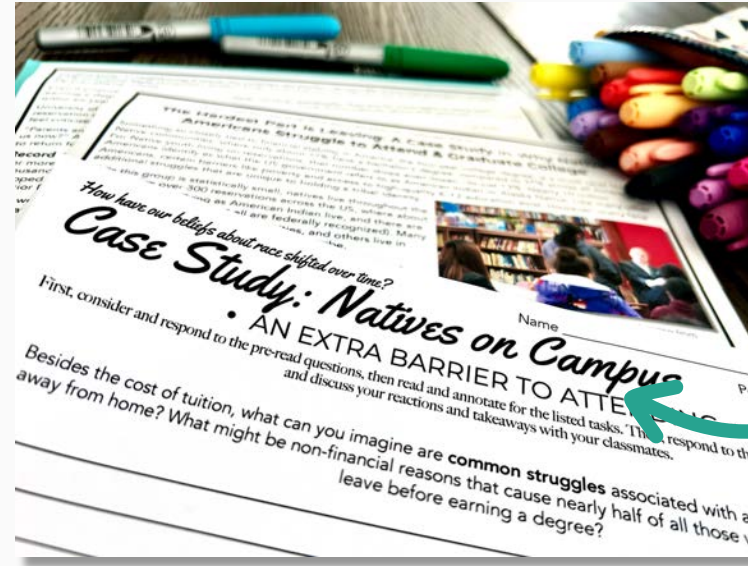
- **Andrea J.**

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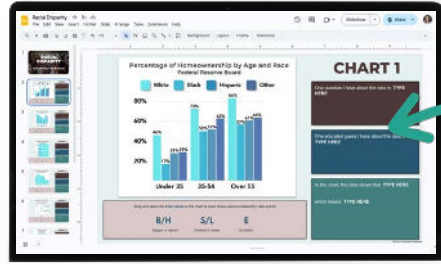
JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES *included*



US Census Analysis Unit Opener



Case Studies on Racial Identity & Civil Rights Movement

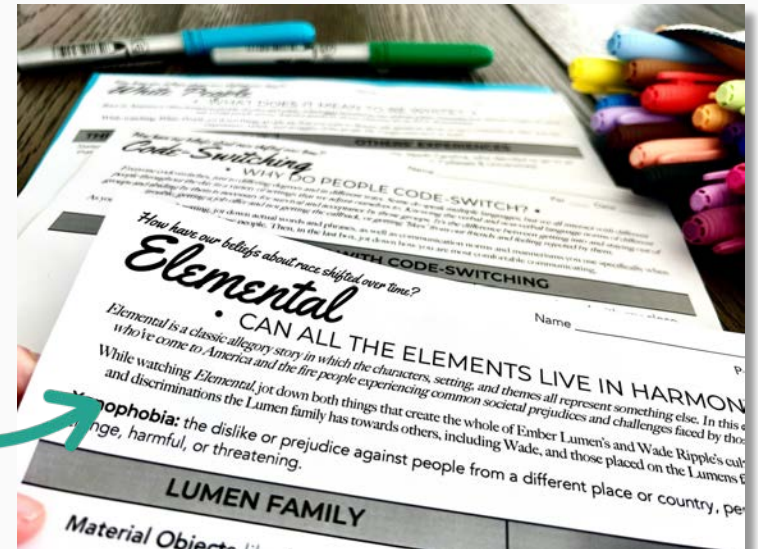


Digital option included for all activities



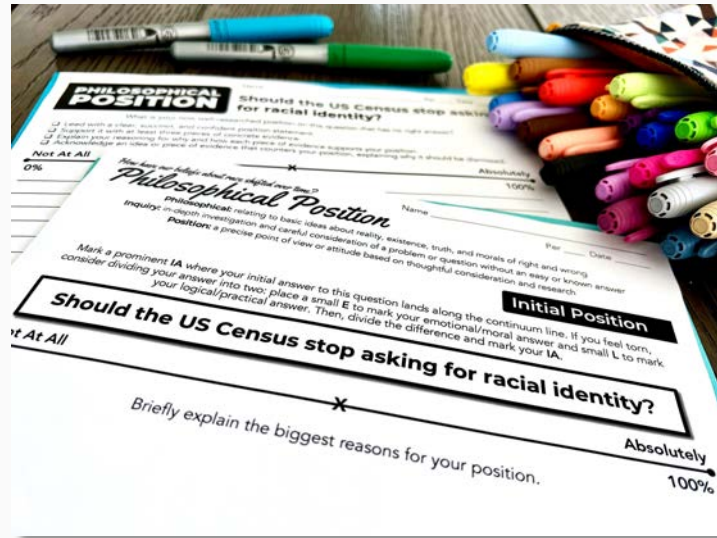
Racial Disparity Data Analysis Stations

Engaging Films to Explore Touchy Subjects



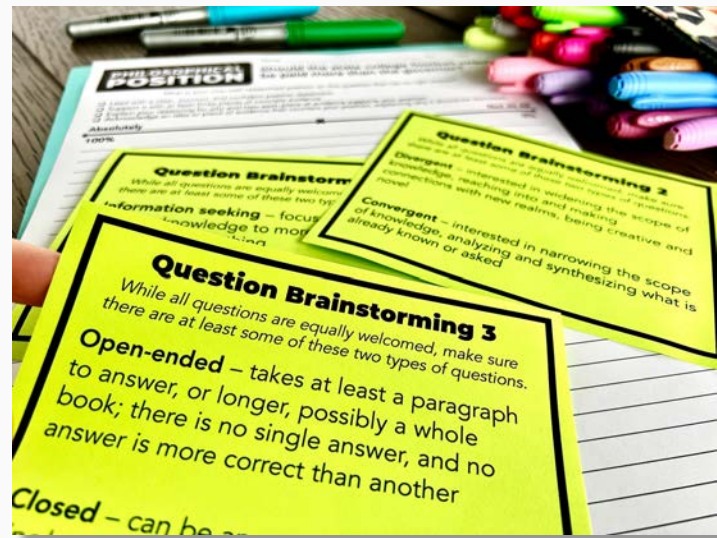
CULMINATING INQUIRY

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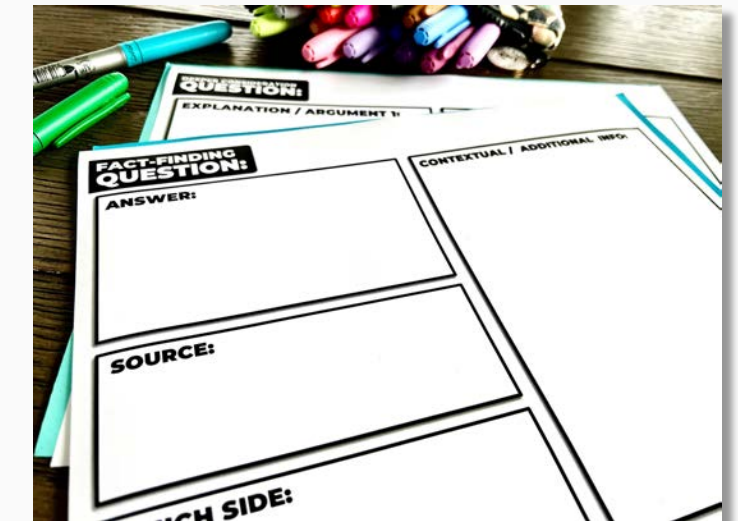
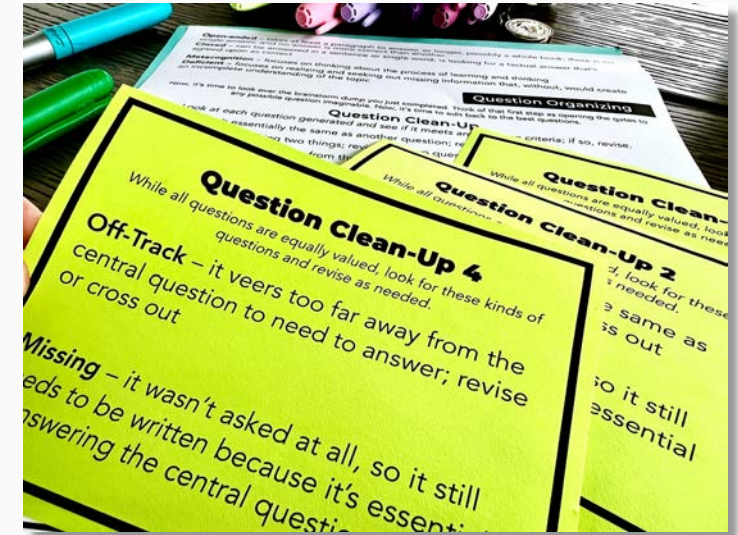
Should the US Census stop asking for racial identity?

Complete a full inquiry arc on this chewy question of **race, identity, & social change**



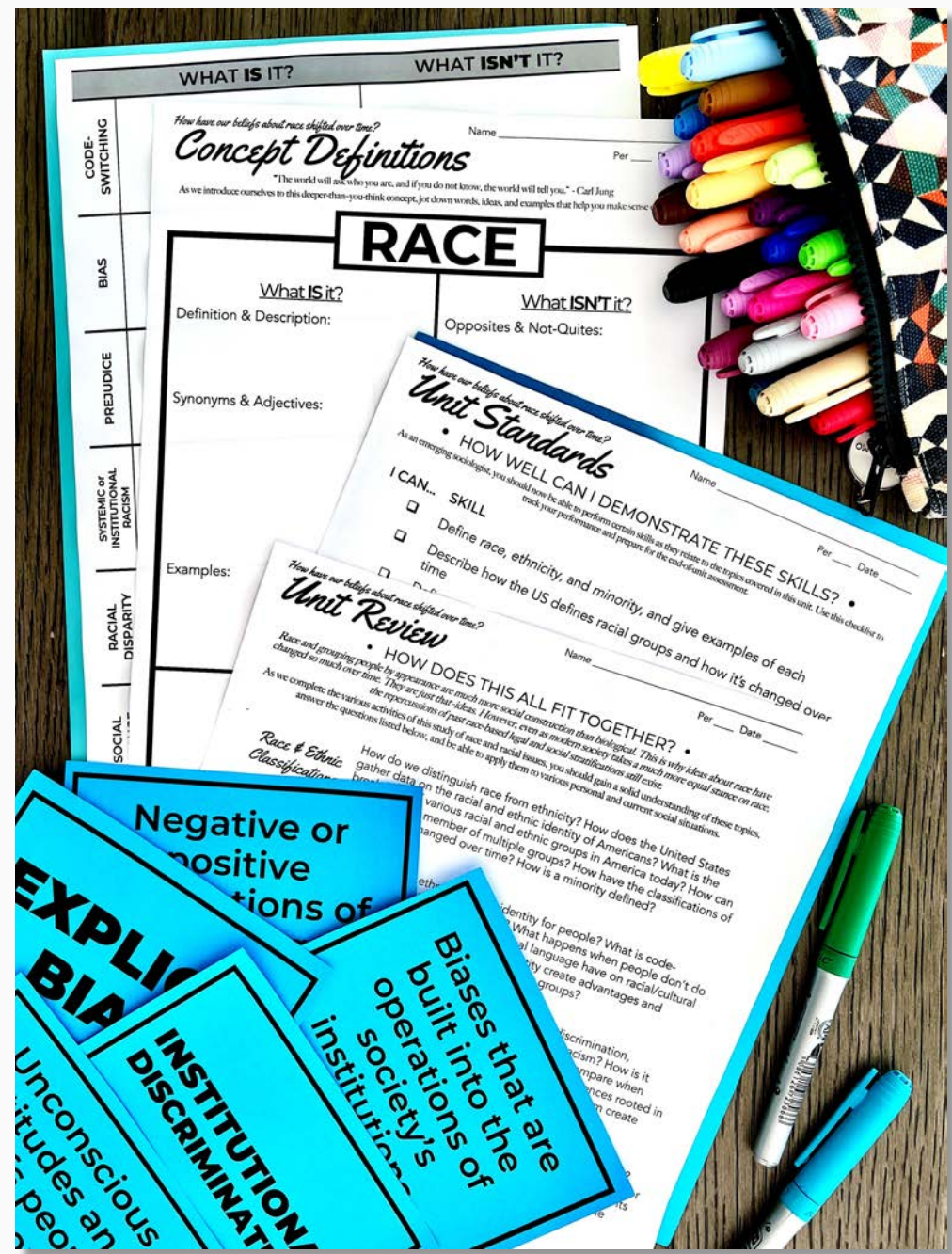
In just a few classes, students

- ✓ generate and research all their own questions
- ✓ share findings with the class
- ✓ form & articulate their final positions



SUPPORTS & ASSESSMENTS *included*

- ✓ **Detailed lesson plans notes** for instruction options, handling sensitive topics and activities, providing optional extensions throughout unit
- ✓ **Student-friendly list of standards** written as an "I can..." checklist, editable to customize to your state's standards
- ✓ **Lesson takeaways statements** to provide a real-world "why" on each lesson plan and on each student activity
- ✓ **Multiple assessments** including short lecture quizzes, end-of-activity formative tasks, end-of-unit test & inquiry research project
- ✓ **Print-and-teach PDF** paper materials and fully **editable digital files** (Google Slides, Docs, Forms)



TAKE A PEEK

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each
LESSON

RACE, ETHNICITY, & SOCIAL CHANGE OVERVIEW

Notes for Success

Current Sociology

RACE, ETHNICITY, & SOCIAL CHANGE OVERVIEW

An inquiry unit exploring how our understanding of race has evolved over time.

Enduring Understanding & Outcomes

Driving Question: How have our beliefs about race shifted over time?
Greatness: Is appreciating how social ideas have shaped and changed our understanding of race and what that has meant for society.

By the end of this unit... Students will know:

- the concepts race, ethnicity, bias, and prejudice
- the racial and ethnic makeup of America and the role race plays in one's identity
- the causes, impact, and effects of institution-wide racial disparity
- how events and people can create social change

Students will demonstrate they can:

- articulate their understanding and examples of race, ethnicity, bias, and prejudice
- reflect on own racial and ethnic identity
- apply theoretical concepts to real-life situations
- explain the impact of inequality in a society
- develop and strengthen inquiry and critical thinking skills
- explain the causes and effects of social change

Prep Work & Materials

- Ensure you have the latest version of the materials.
- Preview all lesson plans.
- Gather and preview any materials.
- Copy paper student sheets.

Notes for Success

Unit Placement

This unit assumes that students have completed the following units:

- Unit 1: Introduction to Sociology
- Unit 2: Social Stratification

Outside Resources

This unit includes showings of the following videos:

- Crash Course World History
- Crash Course U.S. History

Delivering Content

Depending on your school's schedule, you may want to use the following resources:

- Crash Course World History
- Crash Course U.S. History

Work Collaboratively

Work collaboratively to address a question.

Discuss Ethical Questions

Develop empathy for others' lived experiences.

Unit Assessments

- Philosophical Position Question Research Slides
- Philosophical Position Question Brainstorm / Extended Writing & Rubric
- End-of-Unit Assessment

Unit Overviews give you a bird's eye view of everything at once!

Info At-a-Glance

Pacing guide & standards

Lesson Plans come with step-by-step directions

Quick link to Google files

Files are editable!

AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE LESSON PLANS

Lesson Takeaway

These next few activities will put your students into the position of historian and social scientist, studying events with a more zoomed-out lens. After exploring society-wide forces and looking for trends and similarities across major events, your students will be able to further see how these forces are being placed.

AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE LESSON PLANS

Time
1 class period

Materials
Racial Disparity & Concept Definitions sheets
5 Station sheets (2-4 sets depending on class size)
2 colors of sticky notes or butcher paper with 2 colored markers
Agents of Social Change sheet (double-sided)

Planning & Preparation

So far, this unit has only indirectly or secondarily addressed the element of change over time. Now is the time to confront it head-on and examine the last 70 years of race relations through this lens.

This concept—agents of social change—is universal and not specific to race. However, it does entirely explain the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s and the changes that occurred as a direct result of the 2020 George Floyd protests.

Topics Addressed
Causes and effects of social change

Social Studies Skills Practiced
Determine the central ideas of a source
Make personal and real-life connections to content
Work collaboratively to address a question

Suggested Lesson

Bell Ringer (10-15 minutes)
Students will read the Racial Disparity sheet and the change-causing agents sheet. They will share their thoughts on the agents of social change.

POPULATION SHIFT

DESCRIPTION

How have our beliefs about race shifted over time?

WHAT MAKES SOCIETY SHIFT?

Sticky changes always seem to be inevitable when examined after the fact, but it can be difficult to predict or understand the extreme that's occurring during one. It's important to note that even when there is a clear catalyst for a change, there are also always several deep-rooted additional causes that exist in the background allowing that thing to be as impactful as it is.

CULTURAL DIFFUSION

DESCRIPTION

Availability of diverse ethnic foods from around the world is increasing. What happens when...

TECHNOLOGY

After many years, had to...

POPULATION SHIFT

The spreading of one cultural element to a new place. This can happen in a number of ways. Some cultural elements are spread by migration, while others are spread by trade and communication.

TECHNOLOGY

New technology always changes life incrementally, but certain innovations can significantly impact people's lives and interactions. The invention of the automobile is a good example of this. It can take years or more to fully reflect on how a piece of technology has changed society.

POPULATION SHIFT

Historical: Once the automobile became ubiquitous by the mid-1930s, how did it change not only what Americans ate but their norms and values about food?

Current: What is a recent technological advancement that you see influencing wider social change?

TECHNOLOGY

After women gained the right to vote in 1920, they...

Helpful planning tips with lesson options, links, & notes for handling sensitive topics

Wide range of ways to complete activities!

Daily Inquiry, Directions & Background context

Accompanying stations, task cards, and other supports

UNIT
overview

TAKE A PEEK *inside* **each** ACTIVITY

What is ETHNICITY?
People who share a cultural

What are PREJUDICES & STEREOTYPES?
Prejudices: unfair general opinions about entire categories of people
Stereotypes: oversimplified, often applied to

What is RACIAL DISPARITY?
The divide in standard of living or lived experiences when examined by race
Economic status, housing, health, societal treatment, criminal system

PLURALISM
"Salad bowl" analogy
Multicultural society
Mutual respect for each other's distinct identity

IMPLICIT DISCRIMINATION
Meritocracy, bootstrap ideas
Microaggressions
Cultural appropriation
Reverse discrimination

Student-friendly concept definitions

Race/Ethnicity in America statistics

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
13% African American generally denotes descendants of enslaved

HISPANIC & LATINO
18% Largest minority group
80% of 2nd generation Latinos speak Spanish, 40% of 3rd generation

Guided notes also included

What is RACE & ETHNICITY?
Name _____ Date _____
#1A Race, Ethnicity, & Minority

Race is...

Scientists have confirmed that...
People's earlier use of the term race used to reference...

Now it tends to reference...
Over time, classifications of race have largely been defined by...

For example, Black Americans were...
Whereas Mexican Americans were...
And some Italian Americans were...

Ethnicity is...

What is one specific example shared that illustrates how we think/talk about race and ethnicity has changed over time?

Sociologically speaking, a minority group is...

The difference between Hispanic and Latino is...

Write down two words that would complete this sentence based on what you learned: Scientists have confirmed there is no race _____ but race still has very real _____.

Name _____ Per _____ Date _____ **WHAT IS RACE & ETHNICITY?**

Terminology clarified with examples

And quizzes

Print PDF & editable Google file options for all student materials to tailor to your classroom needs

The Hardest Part is Leaving: A Case Study in Why Native Americans Struggle to Attend & Graduate College

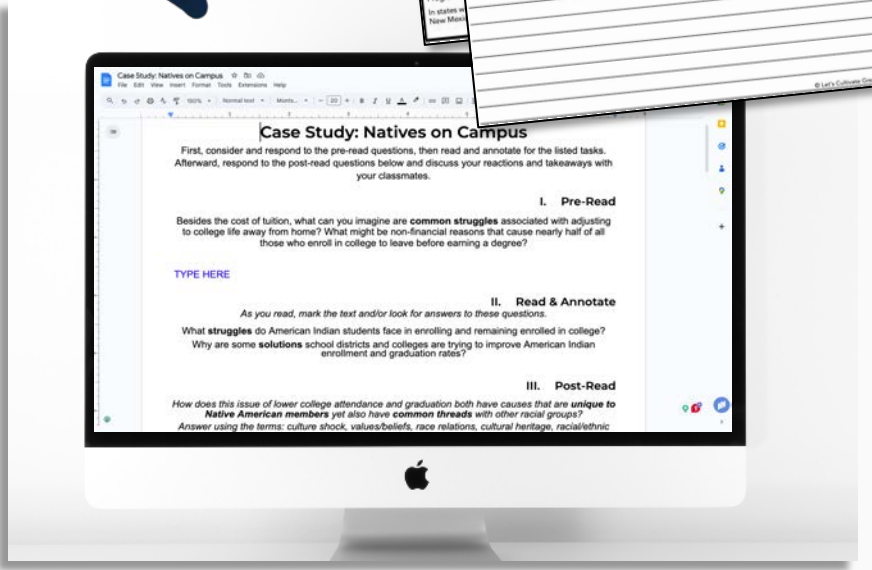
As you read this case study, think about the particular challenges that face the residential group...

Case Study: Natives on Campus
AN EXTRA BARRIER TO ATTENDING.

I. Pre-Read
First, consider and respond to the pre-read questions. Then read and annotate for the listed tasks. Afterward, respond to the post-read questions below with your classmates.

II. Read & Annotate
What struggles do American Indian students face in enrolling and remaining enrolled in college? Why are some solutions school districts and colleges are trying to improve American Indian enrollment and graduation rates?

III. Post-Read
How does this issue of lower college attendance and graduation both have causes that are unique to Native American members yet also have common threads with other racial groups? Answer using the terms: culture shock, values/beliefs, race relations, cultural heritage, racial/ethnic



each LECTURE