

# Diversity & Differentiation



## Awareness & Ownership

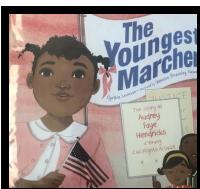
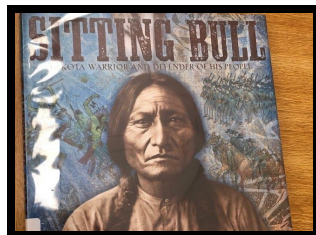
- This lesson activity was to create 3 Branches of Government. Students chose to draw it as a stained glass mosaic to celebrate our diversity as a nation. I realized the students had internalized the themes, values and topics from the *Pollyanna Curriculum* and were now integrating it into their entire learning experience.

Racial Literacy Curriculum:

<https://pollyannainc.org/racial-literacy-curriculum/>

## Literature Choices

1. **How you tell the story is part of the story.** Making sure your classroom library represents as many voices as possible is important on many levels.
2. **The danger of a single narrative.** History has many people, perspectives and complex narratives. It is our responsibility as educators to represent as much of the truth as possible
3. **Identity.** Our students are creating identities as learners, but also as people and citizens, both of this country and the world at large.



## Engagement

When students know their ideas matter, they become excited about sharing them. This is a classroom **Thought Board**. Any time a student has an idea that the class can build on, we post it here. These ideas can be Exit Slips for Essential Questions from the day's lesson, or a charitable idea such as a place where we can donate, to an assembly topic or even thoughts on how we can design our classroom! Both the **Knitting Nook** and **Reading Nook** that you will see below are all results from the students' **Thought Board**. It creates an amazing amount of ownership, investment and comfort in their learning environment.



## Reading Nook & Knitting Nook



## Learning Differences

We all learn differently and process the world in a unique way. I believe an educator must reach each learning style while also inspiring every child's inner drive and passionate interests. I also believe that we must all come from a growth mindset and be ready to explore, "fall forward" and use mistakes as true stepping stones towards our best future.



### Writing & Vocabulary Curriculum:

<https://wordvoyage.com/> online grammar and in-context vocabulary program.

<https://www.thewritingrevolution.org/> Writing program by Judith Hochman.