## APPLICATIONS OF UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING LEARNING ACTIVITY

# Cognitive / Intellectual Emotional Behavioural Areas of Human Ability and Disability Communication Physical / Health

#### Instructions:

- 1. In your group review and revise this lesson plan.
- 2. How would you change it to support either Multiple Means of Representation, Expression, Engagement?
- 3. Use the UDL Guidelines Template to guide your revision and record your answers Cchanges made to the Lesson)
- 4. You will have about 20 minutes to complete this activity.
- 5. Be prepared to share your work.

#### THE LESSON: CLASSROOM CONTEXT

The chosen lesson was created for a grade 3 class that I taught in my second teaching practicum (i.e., new Practicing Teacher). The class had 20 students and one of the students was a girl who was diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. I will refer to her as Nancy. Nancy received a lot of pull-out special education support. Nancy had difficulty with her memory, reading, comprehension, and math skills. When she was in class, her work was scribed for her and she was allowed to draw pictures instead of write for certain assignments. My universal design for learning revision for this unit had Nancy in mind as well as the whole class.

LESSON TOPIC: Celebrating Cultures	

Subject: Social Studies Unit: Heritage Grade: 3 Lesson: 2 of 6

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES (TSWBAT):**

- Draw simple interpretations from personal experiences, oral sources, and visual and written representations.
- Demonstrate awareness of British Columbia's diverse heritage.

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Our Communities: Outlooks 3 textbooks
- Collections 5: Exploring Heritage
- Celebration Research Questions handouts

TIME	LESSON CONTENT – ACTIVITY	TEACHING POINTS AND ORGANIZATION
1-5	Introduction/Warm-Up:	- Remind the students to use their R.O.C.K.S.
mins.	<ul> <li>Gather all the students at the meeting area (carpet).</li> <li>Recap on <i>culture</i> and <i>heritage</i>.</li> <li>Read a poem by a 12-year-old student on page 21 and a heritage entry written by an 11-year-old student on page 79 from <i>Exploring Heritage</i>.</li> <li>Tell the students that we will be talking about <i>celebrations</i> today. Ask the students <i>What is a celebration?</i></li> </ul>	- Speak to students about the potlatch; it is a celebration for First Nations people on the West Coast of B.C. It includes: dancing, singing, gift giving, honor, naming, mourning, feasting, wiping away shame, coming of age, etc.
5-10	Instruction/Development:	- Ask a few students to hand out the textbooks.
mins.	Read and introduce the first part of the section on page 82. Emphasize the Reading Hint to the students. Make sure they are open to making connections between the celebrations highlighted in the text and celebrations in their lives.	- Teacher can refer to more detailed notes about the celebrations in the text from the Teacher's Resource and from their own research/knowledge.

10-25 mins.	Culminating Activity:  - The students are to read carefully over all the diverse celebrations in the text (pages 82-86).  - Hand out the research questions hand out to each student. Instruct the students to choose one of the celebrations to focus	<ul> <li>Circle the room. Help any students who are having difficulty with the task at hand.</li> <li>If resources or computers are available, students will be able to research the celebration they chose from the text to do a research project on. Students can choose a different celebration, traditional food, etc. if they wish.</li> </ul>
	on to answer the questions on the handout.	- Transition from activity to evaluation.
25-32	Evaluation:	- Clarify anything that needs it.
mins.	- Ask students to demonstrate skills and	- Transition to closure.
	ideas learned.	
	- What did they learn about celebrations?	
	About BC? About culture, heritage and	
	diversity?	
	- Check for completed work.	
32-35	Closure:	- Clean-up.
mins.	- Tell the students that you will be	- Transition to next activity/lesson.
	researching further on the internet about	
	their chosen cultural celebration in their	
	next computer class.	
	- Ask a few students to help put any	
	materials away.	

**Adaptation for a student:** Let her make a poster and draw pictures with the heading of the name of the cultural celebration of her choice. She can explain it to you and you can scribe any other information for her to add.

Adapted from Sterling, Sharon. (2002). Our Communities: Outlooks 3. Ontario: Oxford University Press Canada.

Benson, R., L. Bryan, K. Newlove, C. Player & L. Stenson. (1998). Collections 5: Exploring Heritage. Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice Hall Ginn Canada.

#### **Celebration Research Questions Worksheet**

Name	Date

- 1. What is the name of the celebration?
- 2. What country or culture does this celebration come from?
- 3. What does it celebrate?
- 4. What do people do in this celebration?
- 5. Why did you choose this celebration to research? (Tell what you found interesting about the celebration.)