





VotesforSchools Lesson Plan: Secondary 16+

Does the curriculum represent you?



			
1 min	Feedback	Whole class	Students see the results and feedback from last week's topic.
2-5 mins	1. Why are we talking about this?	Whole class	Students explore why this topic is in the news at the moment.
12-15 mins	2. What do we mean by representation?	Individual/Pair	Students reflect on what they think representation means and come up with some examples of when they felt "seen". They then consider their experience of Black history and culture in their education so far.
17-30 mins	3. What should it look like?	Pair/ Small group	Students reflect on the diversity of the curriculum based on their own experiences and from the summary of how what they learn evolves from Primary through to GCSE. They then join another pair to map out how diversity could be better incorporated into 2-3 subjects, using the charts and prompt questions to help.
10-12 mins	4. Is the curriculum the answer?	Small group	Students read the opinions and decide whether they think each one is suggesting the curriculum needs to change or not. They then reflect on any views that particularly resonated with them.
6-7 mins	Ext: What can I do?	Individual	Students consider their position on this week's question before exploring the different ways they could bring about change, no matter their view. Please set as an Independent Learning task if short on time.
1-2 mins	Call to Action!	Whole class	An opportunity for students to put this topic into action in the real world. See below for details.
N/A	Vote	Whole class	Students review the Yes/No arguments for this topic before casting their vote.

Keywords:

- Diversity
- Representation
- Systemic

Call to Action:

- Quick idea:** Students find out what Black History Month events are happening near them.
- Big idea:** Students set up a discussion group for their school or college to talk about how they can tackle diversity in the curriculum and beyond.

This lesson plan is for the **45 minute presentation**

Supporting materials for SEND learners in this box

Extension tasks in this box