

Celebrating Our Unique Community: A Diversity and Inclusion Reflective Piece

Learning objective: To articulate the importance of diversity and inclusion, exploring how our unique differences contribute to a harmonious and enriched community.

Use this writing frame to structure your reflection on how diversity makes our school and society stronger. Focus on using ambitious vocabulary and justifying your opinions with thoughtful examples.

Our community is like a vibrant mosaic, where every individual piece possesses a unique shape and colour that, when placed together, creates a masterpiece of human experience.

Word bank: furthermore · perspective · unique · invaluable · contribute · empathy · cohesion · appreciation · nevertheless · consequently · celebrate

1. Defining Diversity: How would you explain the concept of 'diversity' to someone younger, and why is it essential for a healthy society? Start by saying: Diversity refers to... (3 marks)

2. The Value of Differences: Explain why having a variety of backgrounds, opinions, and talents is beneficial for our group work. Use the phrase: When we collaborate with people who think differently, we... (3 marks)

3. The Challenge of Inclusion: What might happen if we excluded people who seemed different from the majority? Justify your answer by considering how this impacts the feelings of the individual and the strength of the group. (4 marks)

4. Personal Responsibility: How can you personally ensure that everyone in our classroom feels included and valued? Start with: I can demonstrate inclusivity by... (3 marks)

5. Comparing Perspectives: Compare and contrast a time when you felt included with a time when you felt like an outsider. What did the people around you do that made a difference? (4 marks)

6. Reflective Conclusion: Summarise your thoughts on how we can create a 'culture of belonging'. Finish your piece by saying: Ultimately, our community thrives when... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to a visitor from another planet. Write a paragraph explaining the concept of 'diversity' to them. If they have never seen human differences, how would you convince them that our differences are our greatest strength? Use at least three words from the word bank in your response.