



**Middle Level**

# **The World's Cultural Diversity**

A Lesson Plan Featuring **Britannica School**

# Lesson Overview

<b>Subject</b>	The World's Cultural Diversity
<b>Level</b>	Middle
<b>Duration</b>	4 Lessons of 45 minutes
<b>Description/Aim</b>	Students examine different cultures of the world, including indigenous people.
<b>Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internet Connection</li><li>• Access to <b>'The World's Cultural Diversity' resource packs from Britannica School</b></li><li>• Various Worksheets (included)</li></ul>

## Lesson Objectives

- Explore examples of indigenous peoples around the world.
- Investigate and appreciate the indigenous peoples culture, similarities and differences.
- Examine the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Explore the similarities and differences in cultures (languages, religions and spiritual traditions) between Australia and selected countries of the world.



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## Lesson Background

# The World's Cultural Diversity

**As educators, the discussions we have to have on diversity are getting more complex as fast as they are becoming more critical.**

**In the current global climate, how can we help students unpack the concept of diversity in ways that they can easily understand?**

To support multicultural education initiatives in Australian schools, these inquiry-based lessons will help teachers promote inclusivity and intercultural understanding among students.

This collection of four, 45 minute lessons address topics from Indigenous Populations to the heterogenous influences on Australian culture.

Each lesson is supported by a compilation of age-appropriate articles and media from Britannica School and other trusted sources, that explore different aspects of cultural diversity from global and regional perspectives.

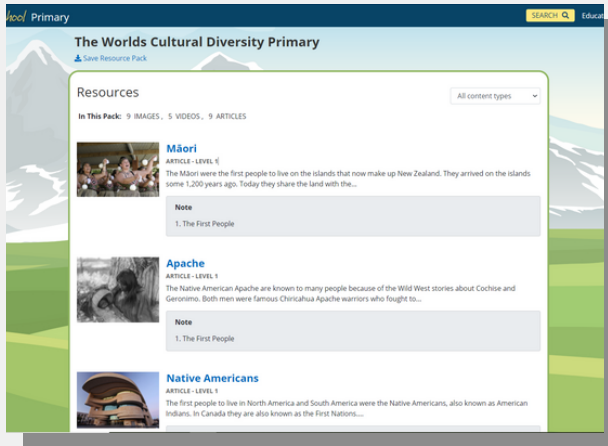
**This lesson supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries.**



Tribal warriors performing a dance at a cultural festival in Papua New Guinea wear clothing and face paint that are traditional to their ethnic group. Papua New Guinea has more than 700 different ethnic groups. Courtesy of rand22/iStock.com. Image Credit: Britannica School

# Resources

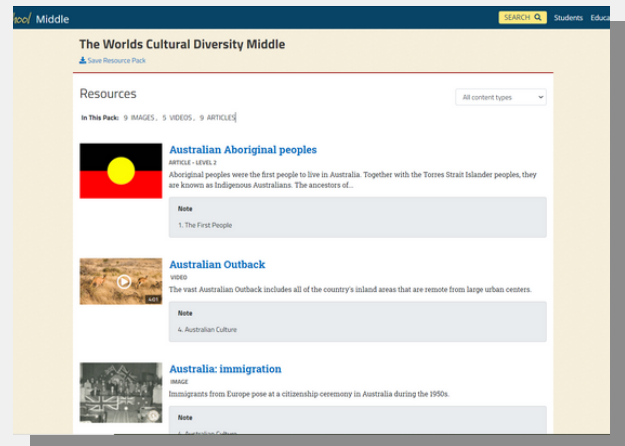
Support each lesson with differentiated articles and age-appropriate multimedia from Britannica School and other trusted sources.



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# Lessons

## LESSON 1

### The First People

The **videos** in 'The World's Cultural Diversity' resource pack illustrate indigenous people and their culture. What makes these people indigenous?

Select one group of indigenous people and complete a **mind map** detailing their customs, beliefs, history, social organisation, language, dress and music.

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#### Worksheets



**Mind Map worksheet [PDF]**



**Infographic [PDF]**

## LESSON 2

### The United Nations

What are the key ideas about Human Rights and Responsibilities. Use the **Human Rights Australian Website** at <https://humanrights.gov.au/introhumanrights/> to help your research.

Who do you think should be responsible for upholding the rights in the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**? What is the community's responsibility? The Universal Declaration of Human Rights can be found at <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

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#### Worksheets



**United Nations Questions worksheet [PDF]**

## LESSON 3

# The World's Cultures

Use Britannica School's geographical tools: **World Atlas** and **Compare Countries**, to explore the geographical profile of a country.

Select a country and complete a **Country Profile** outlining its language, religion, location, customs, rituals and beliefs.

## Worksheets



**Country Profile worksheet [PDF]**

## LESSON 4

# Australian Culture

Australian culture is influenced by several elements including music, art, literature, history, religion, lifestyle, politics and its geographical profile. What is the main influence on Australian culture and why?

## Worksheets



**Australian Culture worksheet [PDF]**

# Assessment

- Various annotated work samples such as Australian Culture worksheet or the Country Profile.
- Observation of the students participating in the lesson and their contribution to group discussions.

## Compare Countries

Stats Articles &amp; Media

Nepal

Australia



Nepal



Australia

**Article:** The small independent country of Nepal is located along the southern slopes of the Himalayan mountains. It is a landlocked country between India and the Tibet Autonomous...

[Full Article](#)**Images:**[More Images](#)**Videos:**

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