


# Diversity as an Asset to Learning

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**How do we deal with others who are different  
from us?**

**How can we see diversity as something  
positive rather than otherwise?**



**The reality is that diversity is here to stay.  
We HAVE to deal with it.**



**Discussion groups for 5 minutes:  
Think of someone you work with at your  
school or someone in your classroom who  
belongs to a minority/international group.  
What are your thoughts about this person?**

**Jot down three points.**



**Let me tell you a story.  
Once upon a time...**


# What are our fears?

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- **We won't understand that person's accent or grammar.**
- **They don't understand the American culture.**
- **They will not fit in.**
- **We make assumptions and therefore exclude them from being part of the teaching/learning experience.**

# See diversity as an asset!


- **Different people have different experiences. We can capitalize on that in the classroom.**
- **Get your minority students to share their opinions and perspectives. It will enrich the teaching-learning experience.**
- **Most of our best resources are in our classroom setting itself!**



**When we exclude others who are different from the classroom we lose out on a different but valuable perspective.**



**When we overlook diversity as education,  
we could miss out on some good people.**



**Treat both students and faculty from other cultures with the same respect you give others in your own group.**

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**Diversity in the classroom widens one's perspective and enriches the experience. Maximize the potential that is available.**



**QUESTIONS ?????**