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CURRICULUM

Subject: English

Key Stage: 1

# EQUALITY ACROSTICS

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## Title: Equality Acrostics

### Curriculum links:

*Year 2 KS1 English National Curriculum*

-Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.

-Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by writing poetry.

### LIs:

Describe what equality means.

Create an acrostic poem based on what we have learnt together.

Perform your poems and give your classmates positive feedback.

## Instructions for use:

Most tasks have been differentiated to three levels with the orange boxed task being the easier of the three and the grey being the more challenging.

For mixed ability classes we suggest keeping all tasks and directing your students towards their appropriate level. For setted classes you can delete the tasks you feel are not appropriate.

Throughout we have added questions in orange that can be used to prompt conversation, draw further information from your students and deepen their understanding.

Please feel free to edit the order of the slides so this lesson is consistent with your approach.

Additional information can be found in the notes section of each slide.

# STARTER



## Gay Lesbian Bisexual Straight

Where have you heard these words before?

What do these words mean?

Use these words in a sentence

‘Gay’ can be used to describe a man who loves, or wants to be in a loving, romantic relationship with another man.

‘Lesbian’ can be used to describe a woman who loves, or wants to be in a loving, romantic relationship with another woman.

ASK: Have you heard the word ‘gay’ used in any other ways?  
Was it always positive?



Progress...

# STARTER



‘Bisexual’ describes a person who is attracted to both men and women.

‘Straight’ can be used to describe a man who loves, or wants to be in a loving, romantic relationship with a woman, or a woman who wants the same with a man.

# LEARNING INTENTIONS



Title: Equality Acrostics

Date: Monday, 05 February 2024

Describe what equality means

Create an acrostic poem based on what we have learnt together

Perform your poems and give your classmates positive feedback

# BIG PICTURE



Do our differences matter?



# NEW MATERIAL



# Equality

Does this word sound like or remind you of any other words?

What does this word mean?

Why is equality important?

# PAIR/SHARE



Some people treat lesbian, gay and bisexual people differently to straight people. In many countries lesbian, gay and bisexual people do not have equality.

Why do you think some people treat lesbian, gay and bisexual people badly?

# DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING



Some people may be homophobic (mean to lesbian, gay and bisexual people) because they have been taught to be, believe it goes against their religion, or just because they are not lesbian, gay or bisexual themselves. There are many reasons people are homophobic.

Being lesbian, gay or bisexual is not a choice, it is just a part of who someone is.  
Is it right to treat a person badly for something they cannot change?



ASK: Do you know a lesbian, gay or bisexual person? How do you treat them?

Skin colour is a part of who someone is.



Religion can be a part of who someone is.





Having a disability  
can be part of who  
someone is.



Progress...

# PAIR/SHARE



We can:

- Learn about others
- Find things we have in common
- Spend time with other people
- Work together to fight problems in the world





# REVIEW AND REFLECT



We are going to create acrostic poems to celebrate what we have learnt today.

An acrostic poem is a poem where certain letters in each line spell out a word.

*E*very human  
*Q*uality of life should be the same  
*U*se your power to fight for what's right  
*A*ll people treated equally  
*L*et no one tell you differently  
*I*t is everybody's world  
*T*o live and love as you want to  
*Y*ou and me together

Create an acrostic poem for one of these words

Love

Equal

Together

Extension: Choose your own word and create another acrostic poem

# REVIEW AND REFLECT

Share your poem with your shoulder partner.

Tell your shoulder partner one thing about their poem you enjoyed or thought they did well.



# REVIEW AND REFLECT



Share your poem with  
your face partner

Tell your face partner one  
thing about their poem  
you enjoyed or thought  
they did well

# REVIEW AND REFLECT



Do our  
differences  
matter?



We should be proud of our differences

We should celebrate the differences between us all

But we must treat everyone equally

No one should be treated badly for being different to another person

DIVERSITY  
IS THE ONE  
THING WE  
ALL HAVE IN  
COMMON.  
CELEBRATE  
IT EVERY DAY



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