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Oro y plata

Creating Cultural Literacy in Montana
Language Classrooms



• **329,000,000**

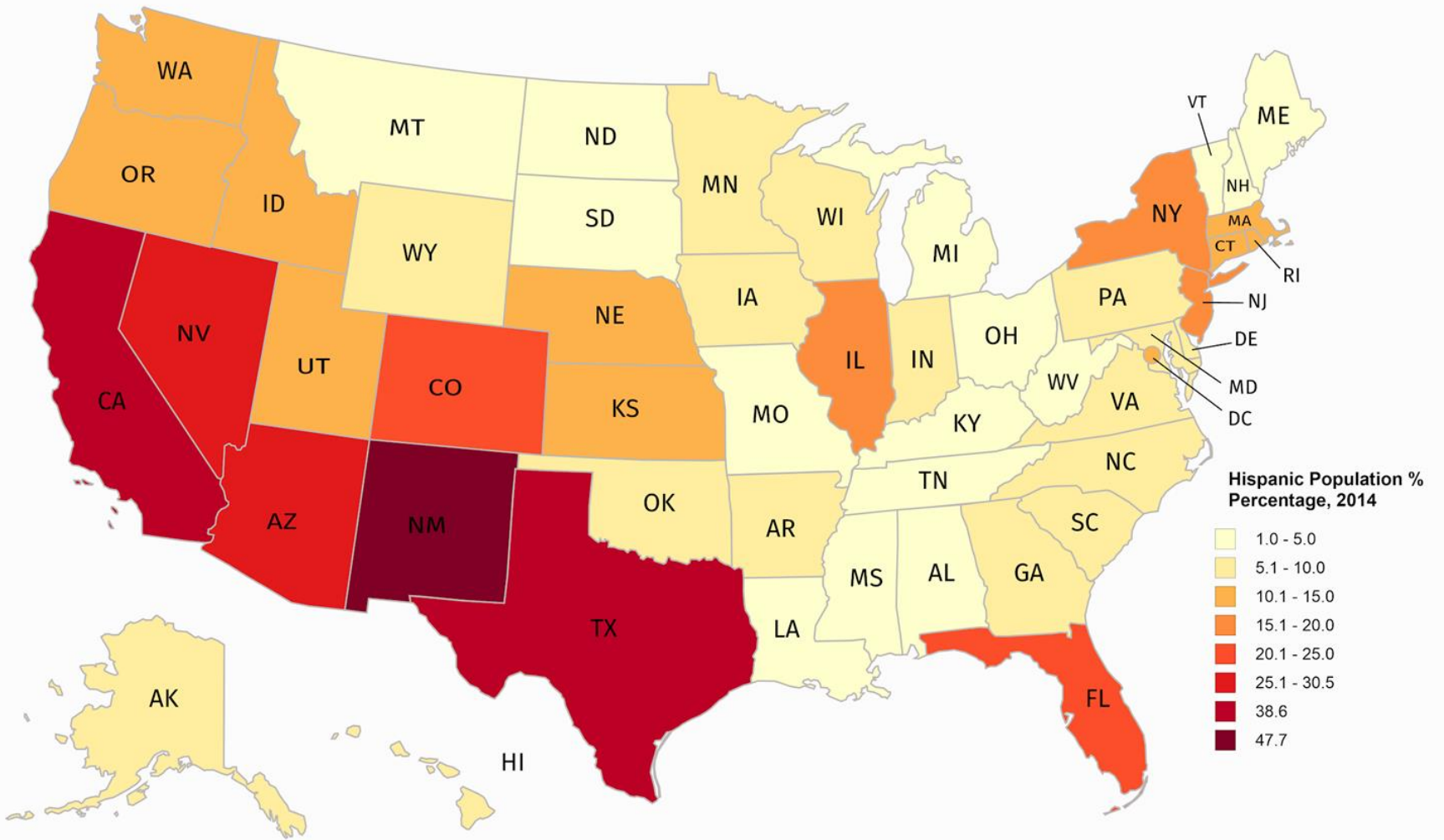
United States Population

• **52,000,000**

People of Latin American Descent

• **15.8%**

Of the United States Population



• **1,074,167**

Montana Population

• **34,000**

Latin American Descendants

• **3%**

Montana Population

MONTANA



Montana Language Requirements

Montana OPI

- Content Standards for World Languages
 - Communication
 - Cultures
 - Connections
 - Comparisons
 - Communities

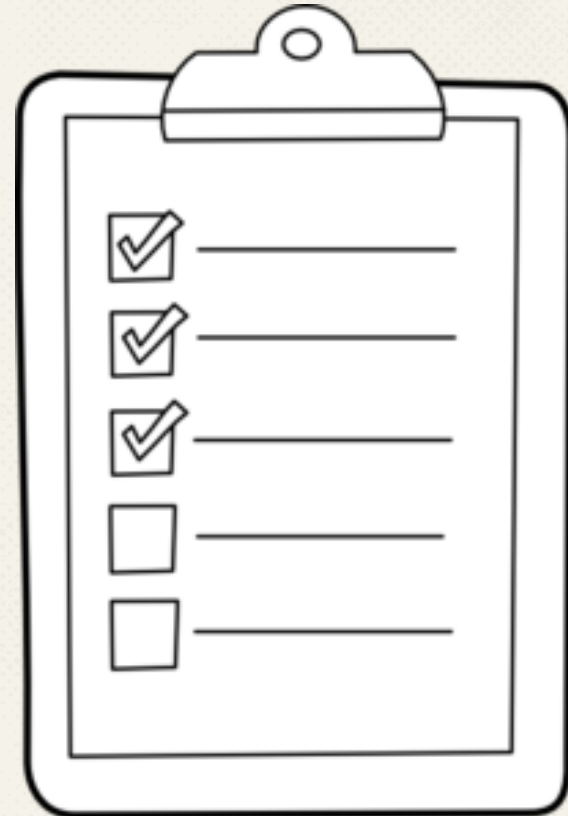
Capital High School

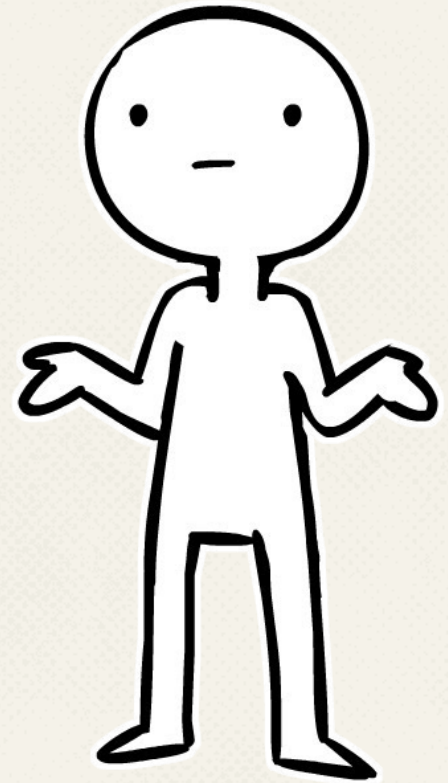
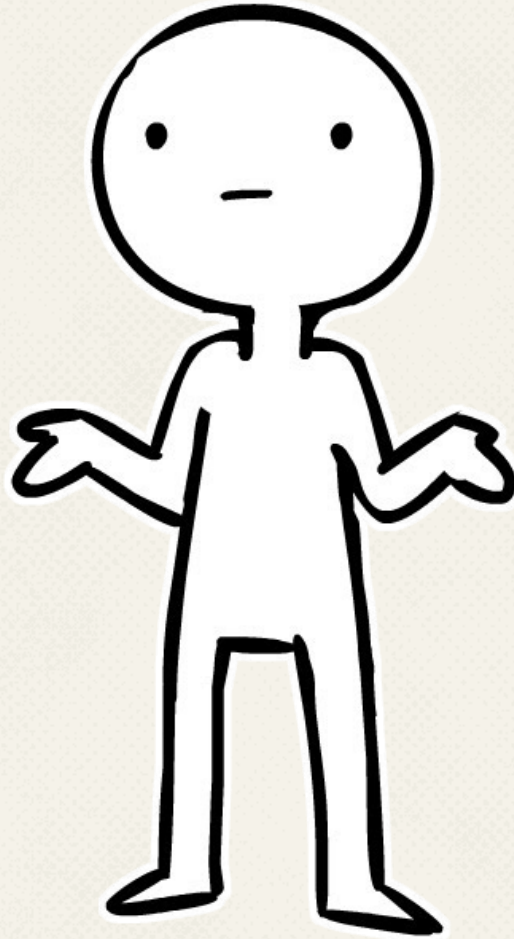
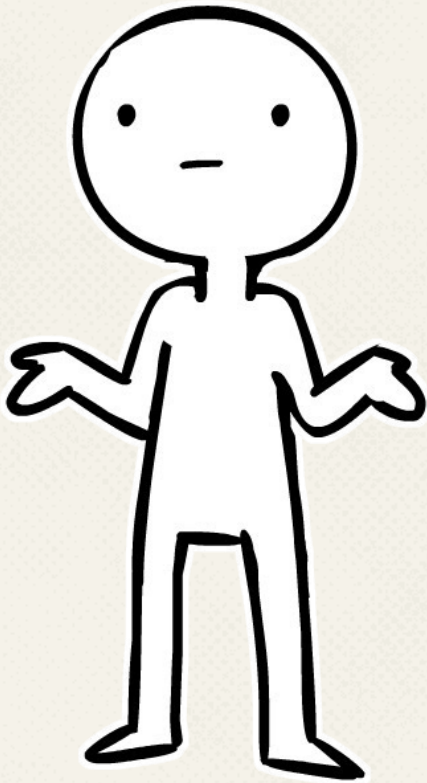
- English - 4
- World Cultures - 1
- US History - 1
- US Gov. - 1
- Science - 2
- Math - 2
- P.E. - 1
- Health - 0.5
- Fine Arts - 1
- Career Ed. - 1
- Electives - 6

Montana College Entrance Requirements

Carroll College (Recommended)

- English - 4
- Math - 3
- Social Studies - 1
- U.S. Gov. - 1
- U.S. History - 1
- Foreign Lang. - 2
- Fine Arts - 2
- Technology - 1



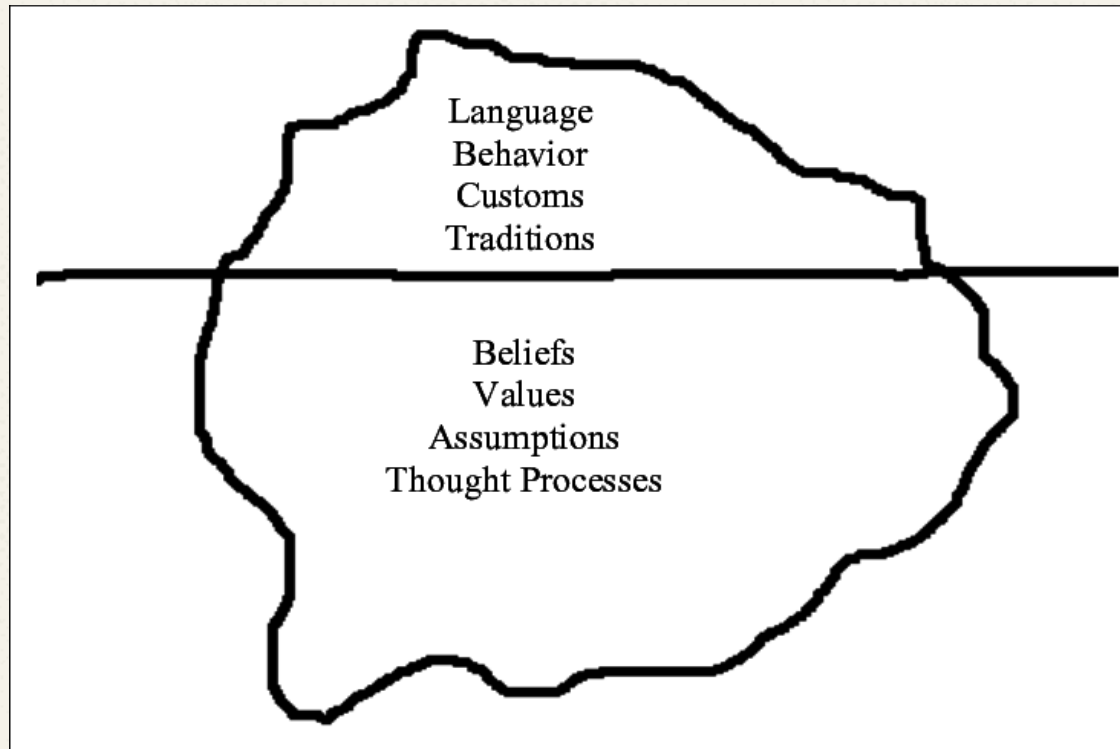


“The globalization of communications and labour markets makes language diversity an ever more critical issue...Effective citizenship and productive work now require that we interact effectively using multiple languages, multiple Englishes, and communication patterns that more frequently cross cultural, community, and national boundaries” (6).

“downplaying the importance of proficiency
in a foreign language greatly diminishes
America's ability to operate in the modern,
fast-paced, globalized world”

Cultural Literacy

The ability to understand and participate in a given culture



Culture



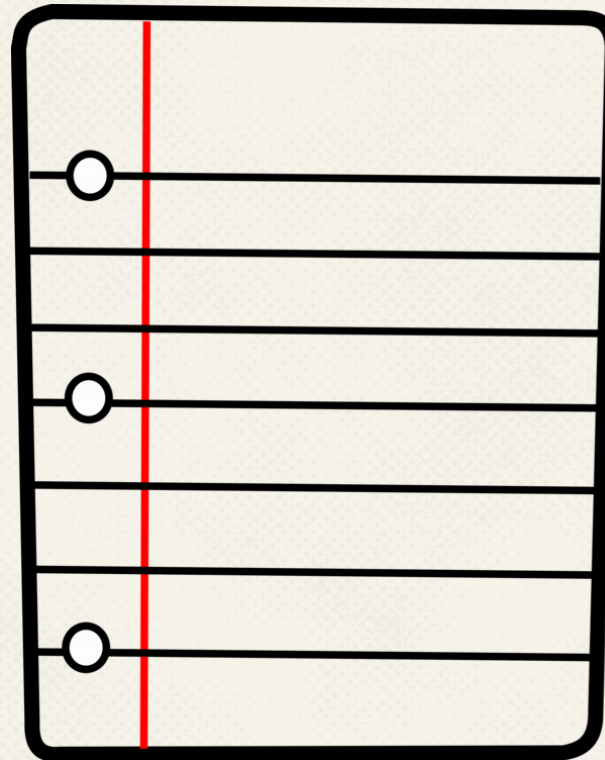
Culturally Literate Classrooms

- Not just language

- Traditions
- Culture
- Value
- Geography

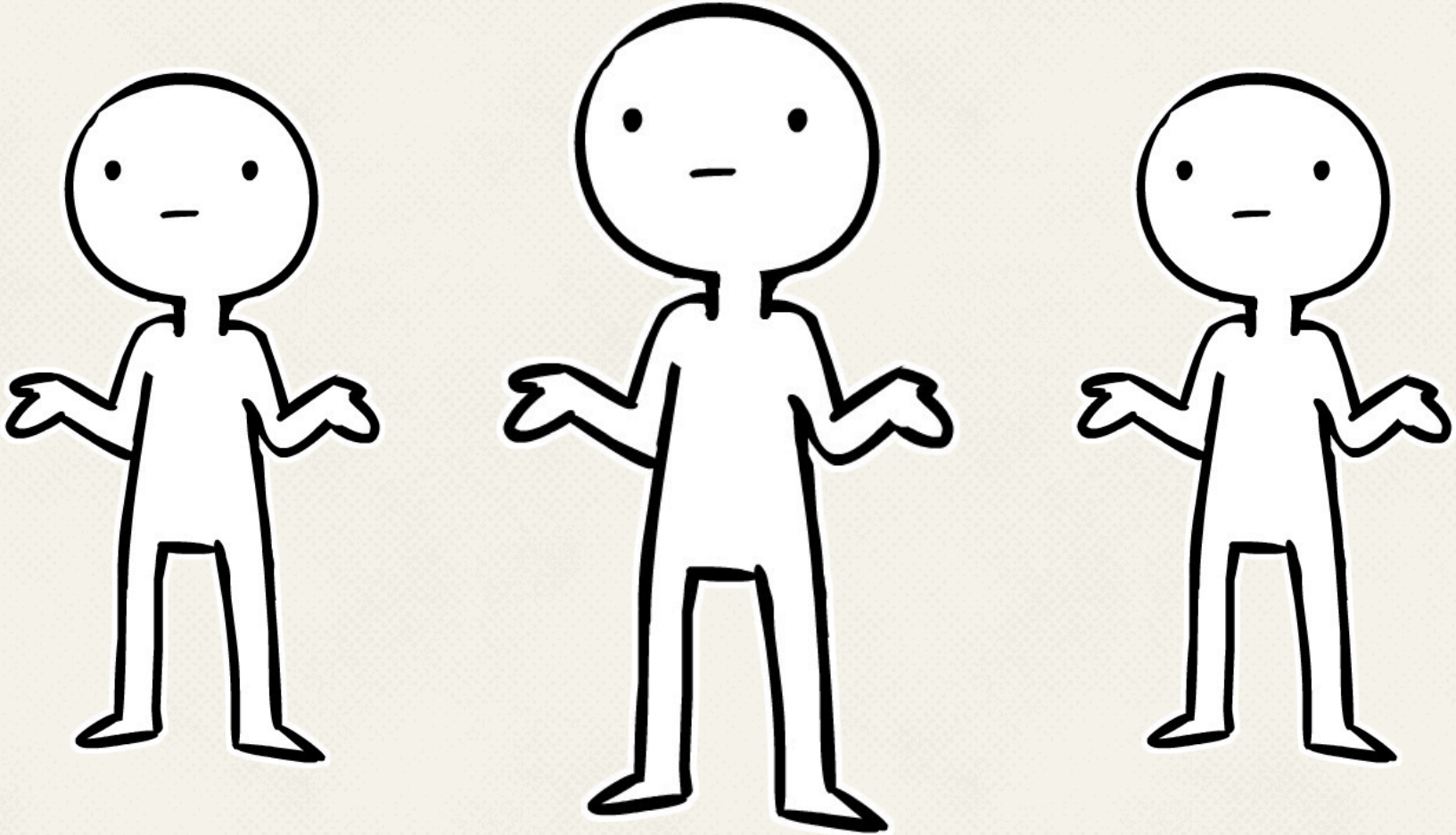
- Unit plans

- Mexico
- Spain
- United States
- Chile



My Pedagogy





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