

## MULTICULTURAL LESSON PLAN

GRADE: 11

DISCIPLINE: English/Presentation and Speaking Skills

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION EXPECTATIONS: By the end of this course, students will:

- identify and analyse the characteristics of effective presentations;
- plan presentations for specific purposes and audiences.

MULTICULTURAL MESSAGE: Students can learn opinion and debating skills in a multicultural social studies context. This activity can be used as a good introduction activity for Presentation skills.

ACTIVITY:

- 1) Introduce and model phrases to students.
- 2) Put students into pairs for discussion.
- 3) Teacher can introduce comparatives as a grammar function in this activity as well.
- 4) This activity can lead to formal debates. The teacher can instruct students in debating and presentation skills and organization.
- 5) Assign one of the topics as a written assignment.

What Do You Think?

Give your opinions on the following discussion topics. Use the following phrases to introduce your opinions.

*A: In my opinion...*

*I think...*

*I believe....*

*I feel that...*

*I believe...*

*(Or use negative forms using “don’t” and “can’t”)*

**B:** Why do you say that?

How can you say that?

Really? Why? Why not?

*A: Well, because...*

*Well, I feel this way because...*

*Well, first...and second... and finally....*

**B:** I agree.

I agree with some of your points, but...

I disagree.

I totally disagree.

I'm not so sure about what you're saying.

*A: Why not?*

*B: Because...*

*Well, for one thing...*

*Because your one point...*

*What Do You Think?*

*Discussion Topics:*

- *Military service in Canada should be compulsory for everybody when they are 18 years old.*
- *Military service in Canada should be for men and women.*
- *Military service in Canada should be for professional soldiers only.*
- *It's okay to speak your native language in class.*
- *Taxes in Canada are too high.*
- *Our class should have more tests.*
- *Canada is the best place in the world to immigrate to.*
- *Drunk drivers should go to jail.*
- *Public transportation should be free.*
- *Health care should be free for all people.*
- *Capital punishment is necessary and prevents crime.*
- *Cats are better pets than dogs.*
- *Canada really needs a High Speed Passenger Rail System.*
- *Canada should make tougher immigration laws.*
- *Smoking should not be allowed in public places.*
- *It is better to have a multicultural country, than a monocultural country.*
- *Women should take care of children because they are better at this job.*
- *Flying is dangerous.*
- *Racism is caused by poor parenting.*

Discussion: Teacher acts as moderator and reviews concepts and grammar raised by discussion questions.

EVALUATION: Students can be marked on debates content and presentation. They can also be marked on written assignments.