

CITIZENSHIP

Teacher's Guide: GRADE 7 - Lesson 8

Celebrating Cultures – Values Collage

Competency (according to TLS), Element and Performance Criteria

- **Element 1:** Demonstrate an understanding of the uniqueness of individuals while recognising the shared norms, values and beliefs that form our collective Mauritian identity through cultural practices and civic engagement.
- **Performance Criteria Level 1:**
Identify key cultural practices unique to different ethnic groups in Mauritius.
 - Describe common norms, values, and beliefs shared by Mauritians.
 - Explain the significance of major Mauritian festivals.
 - List examples of how different cultural practices contribute to the collective Mauritian identity.
- **Performance Criteria Level 2:**
 - Understand the interplay between individual uniqueness and shared cultural norms in shaping Mauritian society.
 - Evaluate the impact of cultural diversity on social and civic life in Mauritius.
 - Compare and contrast the cultural practices of different ethnic groups in Mauritius and their contributions to the national identity.

Purpose of activity

This activity provides students with an opportunity to understand the universal values embedded in Mauritian festivals. Recognising that these celebrations are more than just traditions; they are expressions of universal values such as love, peace, sharing, and togetherness.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the lesson, students should be able to:

- Identify major festivals celebrated in Mauritius
- Describe the universal values (e.g., love, peace, sharing, respect, unity) associated with each festival
- Collaborate in groups to create a visual representation (collage) of these values.
- Present and explain their collage to the class, demonstrating understanding and respect for cultural diversity
- Work collaboratively and respectfully with classmates

Resources and Materials for part 1 of the activity

- Scissors
- Markers and coloured pens
- Paper Glue
- Old newspaper and magazine cuttings (for collage)
- Bristol paper or Kitchen Paper
- Sticky notes
- Projector (optional, for showing festival videos or images)

Teaching trajectories/ Implementation guidelines

It is recommended to provide students enough time for the group work. This activity may be extended over 2 or more periods.

Step 1: Recap and Reflection

- Begin with a short discussion: "What festivals do you celebrate?"
- Show a brief slideshow or video highlighting major festivals in Mauritius.
- Ask students: "What do these festivals have in common?" (Guide them toward values like love, sharing, peace, etc.)
- Encourage students to share personal experiences or stories related to these festivals.

Step 2: Groupwork – Poster Design

- Students regroup with the same peers from the previous session.
- The educator explains safety guidelines and expectations for the activity.
- Assign each group 1–2 festivals or let them choose.
- Each group organises their materials on their desks.

Step 3: Closure of the Activity and Consolidation

- Each group researches their assigned festival(s) using their electronic device or printed materials
- They identify:
 - Key traditions
 - Symbols
 - The universal values reflected in the festival
- On sticky notes, they write down the values and how they are expressed.

Step 4: Collage Creation & Presentation

- Groups create a "Festival Values Collage" using images, drawings, and words.
- The collage should visually represent the festival and highlight the universal values.
- Each group presents their collage to the class.
- They explain the festival and the values it promotes.
- Encourage respectful listening and positive feedback from peers.

Step 5: Closure of the Activity and Consolidation

- Whole-class discussion: "What did we learn about each other's cultures?"
- Teacher highlights how different festivals promote similar values, reinforcing unity in diversity.

Assessment Criteria:

- Active participation in group discussions.
- Contribution to the creation of the collage.
- Oral presentation and ability to communicate ideas effectively.
- Respectful collaboration and engagement with peers.