Identity Affirmation Through
Literature, Language, &
Storytelling

• ILC - 2022 Immigrant Student Success



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My Journey

- My Greatest Gift







Guardian of 4 siblings at the age of 13

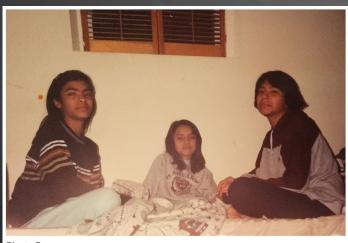
My Immigrant Journey





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Newcomer Journey



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Key to Success













Wrong Story Being Told

"I have a student who knows NO English. She will just be sitting in class (4th block Civics) all year and not be able to do any assignments or work whatsoever. An idea for you to consider would be putting her in Ms. _____'s class with Emily Francis in there full time working completely with ELL students. This is the only way she has a chance of learning anything in Civics this year. It is a freshman class but I can't see that being a problem considering the situation. Obviously she will fail if she has to be left in my class. It would be like me sitting in a class where only Spanish was spoke (I know no Spanish) and I would fail miserably too."

Mr. XXXXX



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So close!



"WE. THE TEACHERS HAVE THE POWER IN OUR HANDS TO MAKE OR BREAK OUR CLASSROOMS IN HOW WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO FEEL, HOW WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO RUN, & WHAT KIND OF STUDENTS WE WANT TO PRODUCE."

–Dr. Stephen Knight

Affirming Identity and Unpacking My Potential

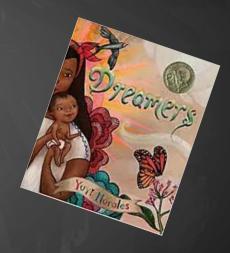
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UNCC - Bachelor's in Spanish 2010

UNCC - TESOL
Certificate 2012
UNCC - Masters in
TESOL 2013









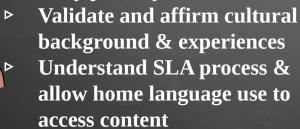


To Affirm Identity - Do This NOT That



Do This

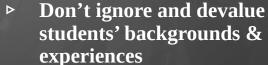




Keep the bar/expectation high but provide scaffolding.

Do NOT do This





Don't be a language oppressor.

Don't let them "sink or swim' on their own



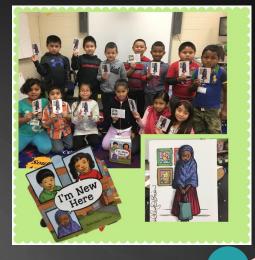
Lessons
That Affirm
Identity

K12 Lessons

Our Own Identity

- Experiences
- Thoughts
- Feelings
- Attitudes
- Beliefs
- Family
- Foods
- Dance
- Culture/Heritage





Our Name

- Who selected your name?
- How do you feel about your name?
- Would you change your name? Why? Why not?

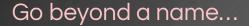




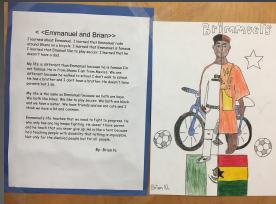




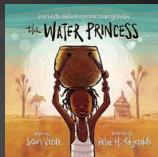




- CelebrateUniqueness
- Transact with the text
- Take Action





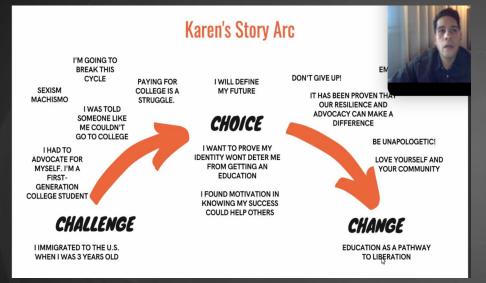








A New Narrative









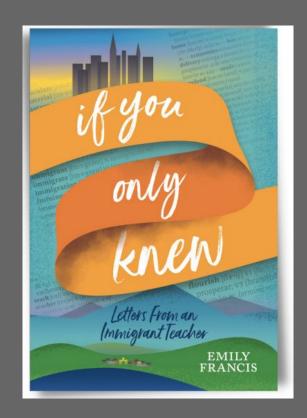
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Gracias!

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