

Three Things Teachers Can Do

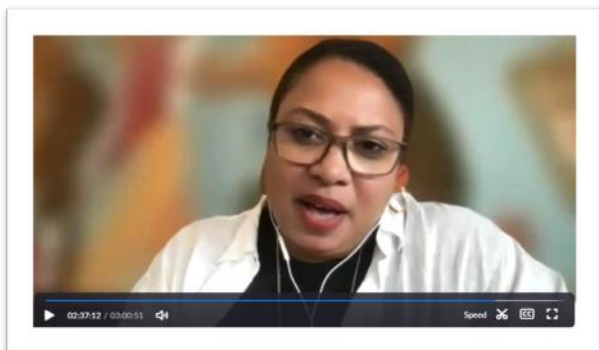
1 Learn about your students

Use a variety of approaches to gain a more nuanced picture of your students' lives and experiences

- ▶ Watch Carmel Salhi, PhD explain how to use cultural competency, cultural humility and structural competency (The Immigrant Learning Center)

Turn to trusted sources to learn about the experiences of different immigrant groups

- ▶ Learn about South Asian Immigrants and Caste from Sonja Thomas, PhD (The Immigrant Learning Center)
- 🌐 Read about ways teachers can support Black English learners (*Language Magazine*)



Conference presenter Dr. Ayanna Cooper discussing the experiences of Black immigrants in the United States



2 Create a safe and supportive school environment

Don't overlook the importance of creating community during the first three weeks of class

- 🌐 Get inspired by the lessons and activities in *The First Three Weeks in the ESOL Classroom* (Amber Miller)

Examine the role of belonging in immigrant education

- 🌐 Read an interview with teacher and author Jessica Lander on the state of immigrant education (New America)

Encourage all school personnel to adopt best practices for working with immigrant students

- 🌐 Read Andrea Keenan's guide for high school counselors (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority)
- ▶ Consider implementing a push-in education and career advising model (The Immigrant Learning Center)

3 Uplift immigrant stories, impact and contributions

Incorporate immigration into your curricula

- 🌐 Use the *Teaching Immigration* series in middle and high school U.S. History classes (The Immigrant Learning Center)
- 🌐 Integrate Asian American history into K-12 classes (Immigrant History Initiative)

Introduce picture books that celebrate the immigrant experience

- 🌐 Browse the *Immigration Collection* (Lee & Low Books)