

RAINBOW FLAG

Grade: K to 4

(20–30 minute session)

Learning Outcomes & Lesson Focus

Students will:

- What is the rainbow flag?
- What do each of the colours represent?

Lesson Focus

As a result of the learning activities within this lesson students will be able to

- identify the Rainbow flag as a symbol for *Pride*
- identify what the colours in the Rainbow flag represent

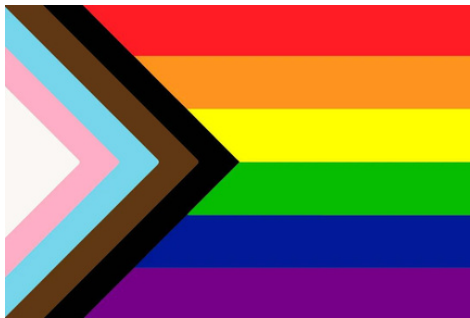
Resources

Lesson Materials/Supplies

- The flag template for students to use to summarize and present information
- Art/colouring tools (crayons, markers, pencils) with the colours found on the Rainbow flag

Print/Publications

- Manitoba Teachers' Society: @2LGBTQIA Lesson Plans - <https://www.mbteach.org/mtscms/2018/04/17/lgbtq-lesson-plans/>



Notes to Teacher

- The end of Lesson 1 had students discuss with parents and family the topic of how celebrating Pride fosters diversity and inclusion. This can be used to provide a linkage from Lesson 1 and a lead-in to aspects of diversity found in the colours of the Rainbow flag

Acronyms

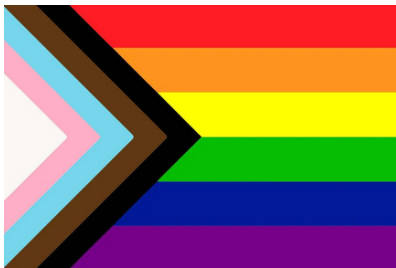
- LGBTQ2+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, 2-Spirit
- There are many versions of acronyms for this community with letters being added, removed, or reordered based on who is being represented and how. There is no perfect or authorized version for use in education, rather, being aware of any local cultural sensitivities can assist in utilizing culturally competent language.

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Suggestions for Instruction

- Ask the students if they know what a symbol is? What do symbols do? Can they name other symbols that they recognize (Canadian Flag, Olympic rings, street signs)?
- Ask the students if they can guess why a rainbow is used to represent Pride? At this point the Pride/diversity discussion can be used to provide a linkage from Lesson 1 and a lead-in to aspects of diversity found in the colours of the Rainbow flag.
- Show the students the Pride Rainbow flag, explaining to the students that each colour of the rainbow has a specific meaning.
- The colours of the Pride flag and their meaning
- Red is to celebrate life
- Orange is to represent healing
- Yellow represents the Sun
- Green represents nature
- Blue is to represent “serenity”, as in peace or calm
- Purple represents spirit
- Black/Brown is to honour and celebrate GSRD (LGBTQ2+) people of colour
- Light Blue/White/Pink is to honour and celebrate transgender people
- Provide the students with the flag template and ask them to colour the flag, labelling each with its meaning
- An alternative exercise could be to have students create their own Pride flags using colours to represent aspects of their lives and culture that they would celebrate



Suggestions for Assessment

Observation

Teacher Assessment: Checklist

Observe whether the student can identify what the Rainbow flag, and what it represents.

Yes

No

