

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of Indigenous history and the concept of decolonization. They will create a community-based audio or video project that reflects their learnings and perspectives on Indigenous cultures and histories.

Materials and Prep

- Smartphone or tablet with audio/video recording capabilities
- Access to a quiet outdoor or community space for recording
- Notebook and pen for brainstorming and planning
- Internet access for research (if needed)
- Basic editing software or apps for audio/video (optional)

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with local Indigenous histories and cultures. Consider reaching out to local Indigenous groups or communities for insights or potential collaboration.

Activities

• Research and Reflection:

The student will spend some time researching local Indigenous histories and cultures. They can reflect on what they find meaningful or surprising about these histories and jot down their thoughts in their notebook.

• Interview Preparation:

The student will prepare a list of questions they would like to ask an Indigenous community member. If possible, they can arrange to conduct an interview, either in person or via video call, to gain firsthand insights.

• Audio/Video Project Creation:

The student will create a short audio or video project that includes their research findings, reflections, and any interview clips. This could be a documentary-style video, a podcast episode, or a creative storytelling piece.

• Community Sharing:

Once the project is complete, the student can share their work with family or friends, discussing what they learned and the importance of decolonizing perspectives in understanding Indigenous histories.

Talking Points

- "Indigenous history is not just the past; it's a living part of our communities today." This helps students understand the relevance of Indigenous histories in contemporary society.
- "Decolonization is about recognizing and respecting the rights and cultures of Indigenous peoples." This emphasizes the importance of cultural respect and understanding.

- "What are some ways we can amplify Indigenous voices in our communities?" This encourages critical thinking about representation and inclusion.
- "How can we learn from Indigenous knowledge systems?" This highlights the value of diverse perspectives and traditional ecological knowledge.
- "Why is it important to listen to Indigenous stories and experiences?" This fosters empathy and a deeper connection to the subject matter.