

# Global Literacy

*Global Literacy is an approach to understand how the world is organized and interconnected.*



## Why is it important?

- Increases student's critical thinking skills and promotes diverse perspectives
- Encourages students to question cultural and societal dominant ideologies
- Gives students from diverse backgrounds representation in the classroom
- Enhances students' worldview and sense of belonging to the global community
- Increases student involvement in local and global issues and promotes global citizenship

## Globally Literate Students...

... analyze and think critically about the world and their role in it from a diverse perspective.

... understand and appreciate global systems, circumstances, and relationships that influence people's lives.

... are empowered to effect positive change in an increasingly interconnected world.

“One of the main goals of global literacy education involves developing a broader perspective and improving our abilities to consider more than just the immediate or local context when examining issues, gaining understanding, and solving problems.” (UNESCO)



## Considerations For The Classroom

### Authenticity and Relevance:

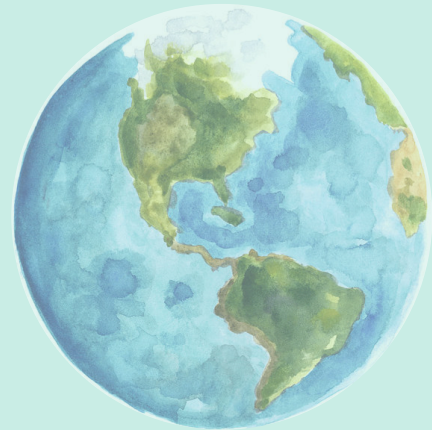
global content can be woven into all subjects

### Going beyond the shallows:

combine learning with participation

### Include learners of all ages:

values, beliefs and attitudes develop as children develop



## For Example:

Water access is a major concern for many people around the world. By examining these issues, and teaching students about their impact on water usage, we expand students' understanding of their own privilege, the interconnectedness of the globe, and how they can make meaningful change in local and global communities.

## Tools for Action

### *Rich resources for practical applications in your classroom*

**United Nations:** General education resources (<https://bit.ly/2pACCQg>)

**UNESCO:** resources for educators related to the human right of access to education (<https://bit.ly/2KD5uir>)

**Futures of Education:** a global initiative that seeks participation from both teachers and students to reimagine how knowledge can shape the future of humanity. (<https://bit.ly/2XAUWWd>)

**UNESCO:** Free Online Publications (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/>)

1. “Empowering students for just societies: A handbook for primary school teachers”
2. “Preparing teachers for global citizenship education: A Template”
3. “Global citizenship education: Taking it Local”

**Rethinking Schools Publications** (<https://www.rethinkingschools.org/>)

- “Planning to Change the World,” is a social justice focused Teaching Planner



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