

Intercultural learning through literature

I. Ideas for pre-reading activities:

1. Find someone who... (cf. handout)
2. Freeze: We/I in a culturally distant country
3. Songs/poems: Gap-filling with respect to relevant aspects
4. Picture/cartoon- puzzle: Speculation about content/setting/mood/ point of view etc
5. Objects in connection with the content of the story:
Speculation about relevance in story
6. Sentence fragments: To be completed by students to serve as cultural frame of reference

II. Ideas for while-reading activities:

1. Collect language deviations with respect to standard English.
2. Read up to a point that expresses in your opinion something different compared to our culture.
3. Mime a scene from the text
 - that expresses something you don't understand
 - that shows a cultural difference to our country
 - that is crucial to the interpretation of the story
4. Scenic interpretation of key passages including character biographies, interviews with characters, impersonating inner voices etc

III. Ideas for post-reading activities

1. A present for character X 1.
2. Human sculpture
3. Forum/Stop theatre
4. Pictures/cartoons: Captions by student/character from the text
5. Project: Portraits of people in the neighbourhood/town who were born in a culturally distant country