

Cultural Photography

Materials/Resources:

Cultural photography is a rich source of culture, tradition, and beauty from around the world. Facilitated conversations can touch on many facets of art and humanity and provides complex visual media for enhancing communication skills.

The best sources for this genre of photography are as follows:

<http://www.redbubble.com/explore/cultural+photography>

<http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photogalleries/people-culture/>

Skills Targeted:

- *Compare and Contrast
- *Pragmatics
- *Inferential Thinking
- *Verbal Reasoning
- *Descriptive Words
- *Main Idea & Summarizing
- *Vocabulary

Instruction:

1. To introduce the activity, discuss differences in cultures and a general overview of geography. These pictures can easily be presented as part of a Social Studies unit/curriculum.
2. Compare and contrast differences in pictured cultures. Emphasis can be placed on colorful clothing, settings, customs, and uniqueness. Draw comparisons to our own traditions, etc.
3. Use cultural photography for identification of adjectives and parts of speech.
4. Teach descriptive vocabulary and unfamiliar terms.
5. Instruct students to use inferential thinking when discussing pictured settings. Facilitate reasoning skills to explain unfamiliar depictions.
6. Have students analyze and discuss body language, facial expressions, and depicted social relationships.