

Handout 9

Using knowledge of pupils' lives when planning and teaching

- Set homework which involves preparing for a new topic and encourages pupils to draw on their home lives/communities/languages.
- Plan a lesson which is solely to introduce a topic and encourages independent research.
- Personalise resources.
- Use pupils' interests as a starting point.
- Provide opportunities for pupils to lead the learning – share what they know and can do.
- Encourage family members and the local community to share their expertise/experiences/languages (see 'But that's just good teaching' by Gloria Ladson-Billings)