

Chapter 2 Education

Topic 3 Ethnic differences in achievement

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Activity: Discussion

Do cultural differences explain differences in achievement?

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify different cultural factors affecting the educational achievement of different ethnic groups.

In groups of four, prepare for a debate: 'Cultural differences between ethnic groups can explain differences in achievement between them'.

1. With reference to different ethnic groups, note how cultural factors such as language, attitudes and values, family structure and parental support may affect achievement.
2. Use your research to take part in a class discussion: 'Cultural differences between ethnic groups can explain differences in achievement between them'.
3. In pairs, write a paragraph summarising the discussion.