

Template for Lesson Plans
Classroom Activities
Ethics Curriculum Project Modules

Activity # 3, Perspectives on Colonialism in the News Media
Module Name: A Consideration of Ethics in Chinua Achebe's novel <i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Class type: ESOL ESE Regular Gifted Honors Inclusion All
Objectives for activity: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify key moral dilemmas within the novel, and apply them to other "real life" situations 2. Describe core values and the extent to which they apply to characters and their actions in the novel 3. Better understand the universality of ethics
Materials Needed (texts, props, special supplies) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. paper and pen or computer for completing writing assignment. 2. a computer for online research
Procedures for Teachers- <i>What You Need to Know/Do</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review material on the news stories are reported (Reference Activity #3 in the main module for background.) and discuss how news coverage can reflect colonial power structures and traditions. 2. Have students go online to search for a particular historical event that reflects colonialism or choose a particular day for them to examine evidence of colonialism at work.
Activity Type -Discussion Questions, Compositions, Small Group, etc.- <i>What Students Need to Do</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Classroom discussion. 2. Online research. 3. Completion of writing assignment.
Assessment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student participation in classroom discussion. 2. Evaluation of student online research. 3. Evaluation of student writing project.