

Assess Your Understanding of Classroom Climate and Culture

1. How do you define the difference between your classroom climate and your classroom culture?

2. What are some aspects of climate and culture in your classroom? What do you do to cultivate a healthy classroom climate, or do you approach it as something that is reflective of your students (random)?

3. What strategies do you employ to make the content you teach relevant to your students and their lives? What do you do to ensure your students have a voice in your classroom? Do you engage students in establishing a vision of themselves and their future?

4. What steps do you take to ensure your students feel safe in your classroom, both physically and emotionally? What rules have you adopted in your classroom and how do they impact student behavior?

5. How do you foster a sense of academic optimism in your students, particularly those who come from poverty? Do you have strategies to get students to believe they can succeed and achieve mastery in your classroom?
