



## Symbols of Inclusion

For students with minoritized identities, visually being able to see representation of their identities in a space can ease initial anxiety and make students feel safer and more included. Teachers have the ability to craft their classroom in both physical and virtual spaces to ensure that all students feel seen, heard, and validated in the classroom. The physical and instructional environment you create in your classroom is crucial to help students feel safe and supported. This can be achieved, in part, by including symbols of inclusivity in the classroom.

In a classroom this could look like:

- **A safe space poster**
- **Posters related to equity and inclusion**
- **An LGBTQ+ flag**
- **Reading books from diverse authors**
- **Artwork from diverse authors**
- **Flags/symbols from cultures around the world**
- **Inviting students to decorate the classroom environment**
- **And supporting the use of inclusive language**



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Symbols of inclusion can be purchased on sites like Amazon or Teachers Pay Teachers. There are free resources available on Teachers Pay Teachers like the resource included here. Additionally, teachers/students can create their own posters and then display them in the classroom.

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