



(This document is linked with The Google Form Survey and The Funds of Knowledge Activity)

The purpose of this simple survey (Funds of Knowledge Google Form) is to gather factual information about your students to tacitly incorporate and involve them in every aspect of the classroom environment. This information about your students can be used to inform lesson plans; to generate in-class discussions; implicitly used in creating relevant examples for clarifying content. As a teacher you can explicitly or implicitly use references from a student's survey to generate conversation if a student is struggling in a certain area.

When curriculum standards and objectives are presented through a lens that students are familiar with (culture, sports, food, etc..), cognitive capacity can be exclusively allocated to conceptual comprehension of the content. The incorporation of familiar sports references, specific food references, and references to specific activities always brings a degree of alertness and engagement especially when the topic of conversation is a part of a student's lived experience. If the survey results indicate a wide enough interest in something like Anime or a certain digital game, these references can be used to construct math word problems and other non traditional and authentic assessment items.

The Funds of Knowledge survey which was designed by Luis Moll and others can easily be adapted for the classroom setting; here it has been presented in its original form. The teacher made Google Form is an additional resource that can be used in conjunction with the Moll survey or independent of it. The intent of both surveys is to gather relevant information about students so that lessons, conversations, general questions, and assessment questions, etc, can be created from what students already know.