Reflection of Chapter 11

The chapter begins with a very reflective question that should be addressed: "List 3 to 5 specific concerns you have about becoming a multicultural educator (317). This was a great place for me to start. I been thinking about becoming a Multicultural instructor since the start of this course and Ive always wondered how Im going to apply my acumen from this course to my own classroom. My concerns are how am I going to make my classroom and material culturally inclusive how will I know if my students feel accepted in the class based on culture status and other factors and how can I include other cultures without excluding others!

When it comes to make the material in my classroom being culturally accepting including multicultural lenses shouldn't be two hard. I am a Communication arts and Literature educator so my field is writing and literature. I can bring in authors from other cultures and backgrounds into the curriculum I can also carry a classroom library filled with many different books and genres capture different student interests as well as apply different cultures throughout the contents of my library. I have already started this process by buying many books that present LGBT+ characters, focus on race in fictional worlds, featuring African Americans, and deal with addiction mental illness and suicide. My next leap is to getting literature with more women, native Americans, Asian groups, spanish and Hispanic groups, and religious groups. This will allow students to have resources to read about their own cultures as well as learning about others in fictional and nonfictional ways.

Finding way to ensure acceptances of all students within my classroom based on their cultures ethnicities group affiliations personalities social classes statuses and so on seems to be a tougher feat. I could start with having safe zone training but that, to me, seems like such an easy path. I need to show my students that I have an understanding of them as individuals and I need to show my own struggles, and experiences with culture and the like. I think if they knows I have studied and have some knowledge of who they are as people they will feel more comfortable, and appreciated in my classroom. I think having studnts learn about other important people whom they can look up to that fall under there identities, they will be more engaged with my class and ready to participate knowing they are included with the conversations academically personally and culturally,

Lastly having an extensive inclusion of cultures that doesnt exclude others might be the hardest of them all to achieve. I need to spend equal amounts of time with each culture or else I'm giving other cultures fewer time from their respected recognition. I think the biggest way to include all identities into my classroom without unintentionally missing one or giving one fewer time than another is to have writing assignments that the students can include themselves into the paper in multiple ways, from cultural aspects, to identity aspects, and anything in between.

My goal as an educator is to make sure all of my students feel they are included as an individual student in more aspects than just academic. I want to have a place where they are free to be whom they are without judgement or fear. My students won't only be a large part of my classroom, but a part of the curriculum as well. I have many hopes and dreams for myself my classroom my curriculum and lessons and my students in the future and I cant weight to see if they all get accomplished affectively.