WHO ARE WE?

ALPHA Education is a registered charity in Canada that promotes a critical-historical inquiry of World War II in Asia that contributes to peace and reconciliation. Founded in 1997, ALPHA Education's mission is a commitment to humanity and global peace. This commitment is achieved through four strategic directions: engaging students and educators, empowering youth, supporting research, and connecting with communities.

ALPHA Education programs, events, and initiatives aim to develop the values of humanity, equity, and diversity. By representing and reflecting the human side of history in our education work, we explore contemporary issues such as racism, discrimination and hate, gender bias and violence, ethics and empathy, identity and belonging.

For more information about ALPHA Education, visit our website at www.alphaeducation.org.

STAND AGAINST RACISM

- Racism affects us all, whether we are the targets or not.
- Historical and contemporary racism challenges the narrative and identity of Canada as an inclusive and multicultural society.
- Racism faced by racialized groups differs in form, saliency, and consequences.
- The causes of racism are complex and have lasting impacts on individuals and their communities.
- Taking proactive action against racism is necessary.
- Anti-racist initiatives transform individuals and society.

OBJECTIVES

Our anti-racism work:
- Addresses bias, discrimination, stereotypes, hate, and racism.
- Supports inclusive teaching and learning by educators using historically culturally relevant pedagogy.
- Engages youth in sustainable prevention of racial hierarchies and "them vs us" thinking.
- Partners with communities to address institutional racism which presents barriers to representations, participation, success and wellbeing for all.
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

1. Identity and Belonging
Asian Canadians come from many countries in the vast Asian continent. This workshop explores identity, community, belonging and intersectionality. Through interactive activities and discussions, students examine monolithic myths, stereotypes, and false narratives about Asian-Canadians and internalized racism. We explore silence and voice with a focus on belonging and mental well-being to reframe our thinking and strengthen belonging experiences for all.

2. Unlearning Bias and Discrimination
By viewing videos on stereotypes and tropes, and engaging in interactive reflection activities, this workshop uses a socio-ecological framework to challenge students to question “them vs us” behaviors towards their peers and their communities. More importantly, discussions on racism’s endemic harm, which is often invisible, will encourage students to be social actors and contributors towards equity, inclusion, and diversity in Canadian society. Key takeaways from this workshop include: everyone can be an anti-racist and every small act matters.

3. Xenophobia and Refugees
This workshop examines the connections between refugees and xenophobia through the history of the Komagata Maru in 1914, the Vietnamese refugees of 1974-76, and more recently refugees from Syria. We examine the role of mass media and click-bait news on social media, disinformation, and myth-creations and how together they contribute to xenophobia. Case-study activities will develop student media literacy, perspective-taking, empathy, and their own interrogative voice. Students will also recognize that as Canadians, there are more that we have in common than what divides us.

4. Suitcase of Lived Experiences
Racism experienced by different racialized populations differs in form, saliency, and consequences. Understanding various histories of racism is an important aspect of developing historical, cultural literacy. Using narratives of lived experiences, students will explore: what are the histories of systemic racism in Canada? How does power and privilege create and maintain systemic racism? These questions are examined through migration stories of Asian Canadians, their changing conditions, and their contributions to the development of Canada.

For workshops for staff, parents and caregivers, please contact info@alphaeducation.org
STAND AGAINST RACISM WORKSHOPS: WHAT WILL STUDENTS GAIN?

Students will:

- Increase their understanding of the social, political, and institutional roots of racism in Canada’s history.
- Recognize, address, and work to prevent bias, discrimination, stereotyping.
- Understand power and privilege as barriers to success and wellbeing.
- Unlearn racism and develop cultural literacy.
- Value the richness of struggles and contributions of racialized populations.
- Learn about ally-ship, coalition building, and social activism.

To provide students with engaging learning experiences, we include a combination of group discussions, videos, fun quizzes, case studies, and more. Virtual chat and Q & As will be available for students to ask questions, and to make comments and connections.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE & DELIVERY

Workshops can be customized to be 60 - 120 minutes in length. Workshops will be a balance of presentations and activity-based learning.

Each workshop is planned for a maximum of 30 - 35 students to ensure interactivity. If more students are attending, contact Alison MacAulay, Research & Education Associate, at alison.macaulay@alphaeducation.org to discuss how we can accommodate your class dynamics.

ALPHA Education uses Zoom to conduct its virtual workshops, but it is open to using other platforms if necessary, such as Google Meets and Microsoft Teams.

If the virtual workshop is offered to in-school students, the classroom will need stable wifi and internet access. If the workshop is offered virtually, students will need a stable and reliable internet connection.

Once a date has been set for a workshop, the Research & Education Associate will liaise with the teacher to understand the teacher's learning goals for their students and specific technology and/or accessibility needs.

BOOKING INFORMATION

- Select a student workshop (s) from our menu of choices
- Book your workshop(s) minimally three to four weeks in advance. Please fill out the booking information form and send it to alison.macaulay@alphaeducation.org
- Alison MacAulay, Research & Education Associate, will contact the teacher to discuss details

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