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Literature is such an integral part of the human experience. It takes one to new places, different times, and helps one to experience life in the perspective of another. One can experience cultures and walks of life different than their own. Using this idea as a springboard, I looked into the importance of multicultural and diverse literature in today's elementary school classroom. After thought provoking research, I created multicultural and diverse text sets and accompanying unit plans for grades first through sixth. These text sets include high quality and culturally authentic children's literature in the form of picture books, chapter books, and graphic novels. All of the research and text sets were presented in the form of a Power Point presentation to preservice educators currently student teaching with the intention of influencing their attitudes towards multicultural literature. Each preservice educator completed survey questions both before and after the presentation with results graphed and analyzed.

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