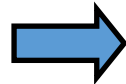


# The Culture View of Reading

A child is born into a culture.  
The culture shapes their oral language.  
This oral language is the foundation for their literacy.

## Culture determines:

Background knowledge  
Vocabulary  
Verbal reasoning style  
Relationship to literacy  
Dialect of English spoken



## Oral Language determines:

Phonemes Used  
Phonemic Awareness  
Language Structure  
Vocabulary  
Morphology usage



## Literacy:

-Decoding:  
Standard Written English  
-Language Comprehension:  
Mostly White Eurocentric  
Colonial Texts  
Goal: Skilled Reading  
for a literate life

## Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy

CRRP honors a student's heritage; it links identity to instruction. With an asset lens and high expectations, literacy skills are taught so students gain both a sense of self and competence at grade level. Use of representative and diverse texts connects to lived experiences. This is the real equity. Literacy is a human right.

