



**\*L1- The multilingual learner's first language.**

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## APPRECIATION TOWARDS THE ML'S L1

Overall Benefits of using  
L1:

- Pulls from ML's prior background knowledge
- Allows ML's to make a connection so they feel more confident
- ML's can show you what they have learned from your class no matter their level of English proficiency
- Self esteem booster
- Cultural concepts untangled
- A positive classroom climate

Here's an example of how a teacher uses a cultural based book with Spanish vocabulary. She keeps it related to the content and standards they've been learning while adding in diverse literacy. Students with Spanish language and culture background can make connections to the text as well as native English speakers who can learn about another text to compare and contrast.



Check out [these ELLevation strategies](#) to advance biliteracy!

Watch [this video](#) to learn more about ELLevation!

