

Tolerance: Accepting of others

America is no longer a melting pot of cultural diversity. Today, America is more like a salad with each person choosing to keep his or her own cultural identity just as in a salad each ingredient has its own distinct flavor. When you put it all together, you have a favorite food.

Read the following poem and think of the quality of tolerance as it relates to the poem.

THE COLD WITHIN

Six men were trapped by circumstances in bleak and bitter cold
Each one possessed a stick of wood, or so the story's told.
The dying fire in need of logs, the first man held his back
Because of faces round the fire, he noticed one was black.
The second man saw not one of his own local church
And couldn't bring himself to give the first his stick of birch.
The poor man sat in tattered clothes and gave his coat a hitch.
Why should he give up his log to warm the idle rich?
The rich man sat and thought of all the wealth he had in store
And how to keep what he had earned from the lazy, shiftless poor.
The black man's face spoke revenge and the fire passed from his sight.
Because he saw in his stick of wood a chance to spite the white.
The last man of this forlorn group did naught except for gain,
Only to those who gave to him was how he played the game.
Their logs held tight in death's still hands was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from cold without; they died from The Cold Within.

— Author Unknown

The poem illustrates the presence of intolerance and its results.

quote

"The highest result of education is tolerance." — Helen Keller

tolerance

1. What does the stick of wood represent? _____

2. What prevents the men from putting their logs in the fire? _____

3. What is the result? _____

4. Do you know of a similar experience? _____

gratitudes

objectives

vocabulary

MONDAY	1	1	WORD:
	2	2	
	3	3	
TUESDAY	1	1	WORD:
	2	2	
	3	3	
WEDNESDAY	1	1	WORD:
	2	2	
	3	3	
THURSDAY	1	1	WORD:
	2	2	
	3	3	
FRIDAY	1	1	EVALUATION:
	2	2	
	3	3	

KEY TO SUCCESS

EVALUATE YOURSELF

HONESTY

ATTITUDE

LEADERSHIP

EXERCISE

DID MY BEST

REST

GRATITUDES

RESPONSIBILITY

GOALS

SELF-IMAGE

HOMEWORK

TESTS

OVERALL