A culturally relevant book is a book that has characters, setting, problems, and stories that are familiar to the everyday, real life of the reader.

For example, a culturally relevant story for a reader from the Dominican Republic (like our parent organizer, Ivana!) might take place on an island with characters who speak Spanish.

WHAT IS A CULTURALLY RELEVANT BOOK?:

HOW DO I FIND CULTURALLY RELEVANT BOOKS?:

Use the following rubric to determine whether a book is culturally relevant to your child and family.

#1: Are the characters in the story like you and your family?

#2: Have you ever had an experience like the one described in the story?

#3: Have you ever lived in or visited a place like the one described in the story?

#4: Is the main character a boy or a girl like you?

#5: Do the characters in the story talk like you and your family do?

WHY SHOULD I FIND CULTURALLY RELEVANT BOOKS FOR MY CHILD?:

Students read better and read more when they read books that are culturally relevant (LD Online).

BOOKLISTS:

Loyola University Chicago: Multicultural/Culturally-Responsive Books

Teaching Tolerance – Perspectives Texts

Lee & Low Books: A More Diverse Reading List