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Understanding Stereotypes

1. Define the word **stereotype**. 2. Define the word **bias**.

3. How do the stereotypes recorded by the class make you feel? Do you find any of these stereotypes offensive?

4. What do you notice about the stereotypes listed?

5. Where have you seen these stereotypes portrayed? On tv, in movies, magazines, books, etc?

6. How do you think a stereotype might cause someone to act unfairly toward another person?

7. Can you think of any events in history that were influenced by stereotypes and biases?

8. How do people learn to make stereotypes? How might they unlearn them?

9. How can the media (newspapers, tv, movies, etc.) help to reduce stereotyping?

10. Do you think certain groups are more subject to stereotyping than others? If so, why?

11. What do you think an individual can do to help reduce bias and stereotyping?

12. (**9 pts)** Think about a situation when someone made a biased judgment about you or acted unfairly toward you because of your age, skin color, clothes you were wearing, gender, the way you speak, where you live, how much money your family has, or some other reason. Describe this experience below. Consider the following questions while describing this experience:

* How did you know that you were being unfairly judged?
* What words or actions were directed at you because of assumptions or stereotypes?
* Why do you think those assumptions were made about you?
* How did the experience make you feel?
* How do you think you should have been treated in that situation?