

Dealing with Stereotypes

stereotype = belief that **all** members of a group are the **same** in some way
Watch the video.

Why do our brains organize similar things together? _____

_____ What do you think would happen if we didn't have people **connected in our minds** as "family" or "friends" or "enemies?" _____

Once we put a person in a group/category, we **expect** that person to act the way we believe people in that **group should** act. For example, the girl in the video likes _____, but the boy believes girls should like _____.

When a person does **not act** the way our stereotype says s/he should act, we put **pressure** on him/her to act the way we think s/he should. Give 2 examples of ways we put pressure on people who are **different** from how we think they should be. 1) _____ 2) _____

How is this like putting that person in a cage? _____

For example, a very tall boy doesn't like sports, but his friends **pressure** him to play basketball because he's tall. How will his friends treat him if he does join the basketball team? _____ What if he does not join the basketball team? _____ How has he been "put in a cage?" _____

The video states that "there are no **universal** truths about who we are." In that statement, what does "universal" mean? _____
Explain what the video is saying. Write at least 3 sentences. _____

What is a stereotype? _____

Watch the video.

Why do the couple sitting on the bench become nervous when the girl in the hijab (head scarf) sits down next to them? _____

Why would they think the girl had a bomb in her bag? _____

_____ What is their stereotype? _____

What does the girl in the hijab think the black man in the hoodie will take out of his pocket? _____ Why is she afraid of him? _____

_____ What is her stereotype? _____

How do the teen-age boys respond to the girl who wants to play basketball with them? _____ Why are they so surprised

that the girl makes a basket? _____ What is their stereotype? _____

What are 2 stereotypes about your gender: _____

age: _____

race: _____

ethnicity (culture group): _____

Which of these stereotypes are true about you? _____

_____ How are you different from the stereotypes people have about you? _____

How are you pressured to act like these stereotypes? _____

_____ How do you respond to these stereotypes? _____