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| RACISM | SEXISM | STEREOTYPES | DISCRIMINATION |

* Discrimination greatly affects individuals at an emotional, mental, and physical level.
* Hate crimes, discrimination, and bullying occurs every day around the nation and all over the world.
* There has been an increase in reported bullying in schools and through the use of the internet.
* Bullies have been known to target women, minorities, and especially homosexuals.

Definitions

* Discrimination: Prejudice against one particular person or group of people because of the person's sex, religion, nationality, ethnicity (culture), race, or other personal traits.
* Sexism: Discrimination against people because of the person's sex/ gender. Usually occurs in the restriction of job opportunities directed to males or females.
* Racism: Discriminatory behavior or sense of superiority towards members of another race or ethnic group.
* Homophobia: Fear of or prejudice against homosexuality.

Part 1

Young Students Scenario

* Sandy was playing in the monkey bars at the park when she saw a group of boys heading to play kickball. Sandy loves to play kickball, and she recognized three of the boys in the group: Eric, Alex, and Jay. They were all part of her science class.
* Sandy walked up to the group of boys and said “Hey guys, can I join your game, this is one of my favorite sports."
* Eric quickly responded with “Sorry, Sandy but we are at an even number and we want to keep it that way. Maybe some other time.” Alex and Jay quickly agreed with Eric.
* Sandy nodded and went back to the monkey bars.
* A couple of minutes later she saw another one of her classmates, Jason, walk up to the group and automatically join the game.
* Angry, Sandy went over to the group again, "Hey Eric, I thought you said you wanted to keep it an even number? Now you are at an odd number. Can I join in now?”
* Eric looked at the other guys who were all shaking their heads. Eric responded, “No Sandy, Sorry.”
* Sandy quickly responded, “Why not? Why can’t I join you guys?”
* Alex shouted at her from the back of the field “Because you’re a GIRL!” All the other boys started laughing, Sandy felt sad and ran back home.
* Did Eric, Alex and the other guys do anything wrong in this scenario? Explain.
* Was there any discrimination in the scenario?

Part 2

READ the following article and answer the corresponding questions.

[Equal Rights: Are We There Yet?](http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4786)

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| * Was John Lewis treated fairly? Explain.
* Why are equal rights important?
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Part 3

READ the article below and reflect.

[Sexual Orientation](http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/feelings/sexual_orientation.html)

* What are your thoughts after reading this article? Anything stand out to you? Learn any new information? Explain.

Part 4

* READ the article below:

[Women in the U.S Today](http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=4975)

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| * The video below will help you understand how women's role has changed throughout the years and how it has affected society.

[Ella Es el Matador (She is the Matador)](http://www.pbs.org/pov/matador/video_classroom4.php#.U6HgHChRrC-)* How have women been discriminated against?
* How have the roles of women changed?
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Part 5

Watch the [Safe Schools for Every Child (YouTube)](https://youtu.be/nWBEQfBTIM0) and write down facts that surprised you.