

Grade 7 Worksheet:

Stereotypes, Discrimination, and Bias

Read the following scenarios and answer the questions based on each situation. Think critically about the concepts of stereotypes, discrimination, and bias. Consider how these issues affect individuals and communities and what actions can be taken to promote understanding and equality.

Scenario 1: Stereotyping

In a classroom discussion, Sarah is teased because she likes playing soccer, a sport that is often associated with boys.

a. What is a stereotype? Provide an example from the scenario.

b. How might this stereotype affect Sarah?

c. What can Sarah do to challenge this stereotype?

Scenario 2: Discrimination

Lukhanyo is denied a job opportunity solely based on his ethnicity, even though he is qualified for the position.

a. What is discrimination? How is it displayed in this scenario?

b. How might discrimination impact Lukhanyo's life and self-esteem?

c. What actions can be taken to combat discrimination in the workplace and society?

Scenario 3: Bias

During a class debate, some students express biased opinions against people of a different religious background.

a. What is bias? Provide an example from the scenario.

b. How can biases affect the way people interact and make decisions?

c. What can individuals do to recognize and address their own biases?

Reflection

Think about a time when you witnessed or experienced stereotypes, discrimination, or bias. Reflect on how it made you feel and consider what actions you can take to challenge these issues in your school or community.
