



## LEARN ACTIVITIES THAT TEENS CAN UTILIZE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT RACIAL & CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Culture is more than race or ethnicity. Cultural diversity includes differences in values, lifestyles, and social norms associated with age, religion, ethnicity, and socio-economic status.

LACK OF UNDERSTANDING CAN LEAD TO BEING JUDGMENTAL

### QUICK! WHAT DO YOU SEE?

To learn more about how you make judgments, look at the picture first. Then, pick the phrase beside it that best matches your impression.



1. These girls are talking about accents:

- A. their boyfriends
- B. the economy
- C. something during break



2. This person:

- A. finds it easier to use ramps than stairs
- B. is probably not very bright
- C. is helpless



3. People with foreign

- A. probably from other countries
- B. terrorists
- C. are attractive and polite



4.      A. is a drug dealer  
       B. poor and unemployed  
       C. talking



5.      A. are all into rap music and weird clothes  
       B. need a good education to get good jobs  
       C. are idealists

**RATE YOUR RESPONSES.**

Give yourself a point each time your response matches one below:

1.C 2.A 3.A 4.C 5.B

The highest score is 5. The higher you score, the less likely you are to rely on stereotypes and prejudice.

# **LISTEN UP!**

## WHAT SOME STUDENTS ARE SAYING

“ Our school has kids from lots of different cultures, but we don’t mix much except in classes. How come at lunch and after school the majority of us hang out with our own group?”

“The only way that we’re going to come together is if we all learn about each other’s past. Because if you don’t know about me, and I don’t know about you, there’s still going to be some kind of prejudice in our minds.”

## **REACHING ACROSS BOUNDARIES**

### **WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO TO CREATE CHANGE?**

- Start a Youth Diversity Council at your school
- Build interracial relationships
- Encourage your peers to develop friendships with children from other backgrounds
- Speak up when people take positions that work against racial understanding and communication
- Accept and respect the differences and similarities in people
- Treat everyone the same regardless of their race
- Develop activities in your school or community that allows people to become knowledgeable about different cultures and traditions.
- Plan to Attend RCDC World fest in the fall
- Plan to Attend RCDC Cultural Events
- Plan to Attend RCDC “Keeping it Real” workshop presented by the Youth Diversity Advisory Committee