

ELEMENTARY DIVERSITY LESSON

This is a one day program that introduces the concept of stereotypes to students, and helps them think critically about how stereotypes can harm and limit people.

TIME REQUIRED: 40-45 minutes, one class period

OBJECTIVES:

- Students will examine the media's common depictions of male and female leading story characters.
- Students will discuss stereotypes and how they can limit or hurt people.

OUTLINE:

1. Group Activity: Ask students to list common qualities of princess and superheroes
2. Read "Princess Grace" story and lead discussion about assumptions, or stereotypes.
3. Conclusion: Go back to Princess and Superhero lists and ask students if they would add or change anything. After considering how Grace and her class rethought their ideas about princesses, students will be able to examine their own assumptions, and their new responses will be much more broad and varied.

MATERIALS:

"Princess Grace" story

FACILITIES

Individual classroom, White board or chalk board