

KAPOW Volunteer Activity

Lesson 6: Open Minds

Overcoming bias and stereotype

Skills: Geography, Social Studies

Steps

- Discuss different types of prejudice students have been exposed to.
- Discuss different types of prejudice in the world.

The Country Game

- Ask the class to name a country.
- Discuss the types of prejudice the students think may exist in that country. (For example – India - prejudice may exist because people are poor, due to religion...or Africa – people may be prejudiced because of the color of their skin, etc.)
- Students act out different types of prejudices and how they are dealt with. (A female student may have acne and another beautiful complexion that chooses not to work with her. How do the students go about overcoming that prejudice?)
- Have students demonstrate appropriate and inappropriate ways to overcome the prejudice.
- Choose another situation (weight, height, manner of dress, etc.) and repeat the process again and again.

President Barack Obama

- Discuss the prejudices he had to overcome to become President.
- Have students make a list of these prejudices.
- Ensure the understanding of the many forms of prejudices – knowing it when they see it and how to do the right thing.

For more information and how-to's, E-mail the creator of this activity, Sally Della Casa, at ssdellacasa@gmail.com

Watch Sally's YouTube Video – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQUBpbOhr4n>