



TEACHING TOLERANCE

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BIBI // LESSON 2 // T-CHART HANDOUT

Intersectionality in “Bibi”

Character _____	
Privilege	Oppression

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Answers will vary, but may include the following.

Character <u>Licha</u>	
Privilege	Oppression
<p><i>Licha is working or middle class, which would mean she does not deal with food insecurity or other challenges of living in poverty.</i></p> <p><i>Licha is English-speaking.</i></p> <p><i>Licha could be cisgender and straight, which means she would be protected from the discrimination that LGBTQ people experience.</i></p>	<p><i>Licha is a Spanish-speaking Latina who lives in Texas. She could face racism and xenophobia.</i></p> <p><i>Licha is a woman, which means she is subjected to the societal attitude that says that women should take on caretaking roles</i></p> <p><i>Licha says that “girlfriends don’t have rights”</i></p>

Answers might focus on the fact that Licha is a Spanish-speaking Latina, which could subject her to various forms of oppression, such as racism, xenophobia, and sexism. However, Licha is also English-speaking, so she likely receives better treatment from strangers who might expect people to speak English in the U.S.

Character <u>Ernesto</u>	
Privilege	Oppression
<p><i>Ernesto has male privilege that protects him from certain forms of gender discrimination.</i></p> <p><i>Ernesto is English-speaking.</i></p> <p><i>Ernesto is cisgender and straight, which means he is protected from the discrimination that LGBTQ people experience.</i></p>	<p><i>Ernesto is a Spanish-speaking Latino who lives in Texas, which could subject him to various forms of oppression, such as racism and xenophobia.</i></p> <p><i>Ernesto might also be working class, which means he might experience less financial security. Given the fact that Ernesto was sick, one issue this could have led to was less access to quality healthcare.</i></p>

Students might focus on the fact that Ernesto is a Spanish-speaking Latino person. This could subject him to various forms of racism and xenophobia. Ernesto is also a single parent who works as a cleaner, so he could be working class. He might have less financial security than somebody who is middle class or upper class. Ernesto also appears to be cisgender and straight, which may have made him unaware of the struggles Bibi faces as a gay person.

Character <u>Bibi</u>	
Privilege	Oppression
<p><i>Bibi graduated from college and law school, which means that he is highly educated.</i></p> <p><i>Bibi works as a lawyer, a job traditionally associated with wealth.</i></p> <p><i>Bibi has male privilege that protects him from certain forms of gender discrimination.</i></p>	<p><i>Bibi is a Spanish-speaking Latinx person. This could subject him to racism and xenophobia.</i></p> <p><i>Bibi is also gay, which could subject him to certain forms of oppression, such as a lack of government protection from employment discrimination.</i></p>

Intersectionality for Bibi plays out by the fact that he isn't completely privileged and isn't completely oppressed. To highlight this students might focus on Bibi's sexual orientation. When Bibi came out, his father rejected him, which led to their estranged relationship. Bibi is also a Spanish-speaking Latino, which means that he could face racism and xenophobia. Nevertheless, Bibi graduated from college and law school and works as a lawyer. He may be wealthy, and this privilege might protect him from the same oppression that other queer Latinx folks might face.