



TEACHING TOLERANCE

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BIBI // LESSON 2 // VIDEO NOTES HANDOUT

Intersectionality in “Bibi”

1. Define intersectionality.

Term	Definition
INTERSECTIONALITY	

2. List the names of the characters for each set of identity characteristics.

Name			
Identity Characteristics	<i>He is a person with a disability.</i> <i>His family lives below the poverty line.</i> <i>He is the oldest of 10.</i> <i>He is responsible for caregiving, which sometimes keeps him out of school.</i>	<i>She is Muslim.</i> <i>She is from Somalia.</i>	<i>Her family is affluent (wealthy).</i> <i>Her parents and grandparents graduated from college.</i> <i>Her father owns a successful business.</i>
Unique forms of privilege and/or oppression			

3. Summarize how these characters' identities intersect to create unique forms of privilege and oppression.

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Answers will vary, but could include the following:

1. Define intersectionality.

Term	Definition
INTERSECTIONALITY	<i>The idea that we all have multiple identity characteristics that make us who we are and the intersection of these identities come together to create unique forms of privilege and oppression.</i>

2. List the names of the characters for each set of identity characteristics.

Name	Jerry	Fatima	Greta
Identity Characteristics	<p><i>He is a person with a disability.</i></p> <p><i>His family lives below the poverty line.</i></p> <p><i>He is the oldest of 10.</i></p> <p><i>He is responsible for care-giving, which sometimes keeps him out of school.</i></p>	<p><i>She is Muslim.</i></p> <p><i>She is from Somalia.</i></p>	<p><i>Her family is affluent (wealthy).</i></p> <p><i>Her parents and grandparents graduated from college.</i></p> <p><i>Her father owns a successful business.</i></p>
Unique forms of privilege and/or oppression	<p><i>No one talks to him about his plans after graduation.</i></p> <p><i>Jobs won't call him back when he applies.</i></p>	<p><i>Many people make assumptions about her values and abilities.</i></p> <p><i>Many believe she shouldn't be at their school at all.</i></p>	<p><i>She doesn't think about her identity often.</i></p> <p><i>She thinks of herself as someone who will go to college and get a good job when she graduates.</i></p>

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The characters have diverse experiences due to identity. Jerry and Fatima face certain forms of oppression. Jerry's school denies him access to information about further education and career training. He also faces hiring discrimination in the workforce. Fatima is excluded from her school community. It is likely that Jerry and Fatima have thought about these forms of oppression and how they are connected to their identities. On the other hand, Greta does not really think about her identity, and she will likely find success after high school with the support of her family's resources.