

HANDOUT 3

Understanding Religious Clothing: Guide to Writing a Skit

One way to educate others about overcoming stereotypes is first to present them with one, and then model how to combat it. Get ready to write and perform a skit with your group. Your skit should show your audience a common stereotype associated with a kind of religious clothing, but it should also show characters overcoming that stereotype. Begin by listing the members of your group. Then follow the steps below.

Group Members: _____

STEP 1: Choose one type of religious clothing on which to focus.

Clothing: _____

STEP 2: To help you develop a plot for your skit, discuss the following questions with your group. Then record your basic plot ideas in the space below.

What stereotypes do people usually have about this type of religious clothing?

How can understanding the issues around this clothing help to combat prejudice?

Plot: _____

STEP 3: Brainstorm a setting where characters can present the stereotype of this religious clothing and then combat it.

Setting: _____

Characters: _____

STEP 4: On a separate sheet of paper, record the script for your skit in the following format:

CHARACTER'S NAME: Write your dialogue here.

[Write stage directions in brackets.]

STEP 5: Perform your skit for the class! Use props and costumes if possible.