American Born Chinese

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Racism

Some people actively exclude others based on single faceted traits that don’t define an individual’s talents or personality; maybe someone doesn’t look the same as you, but they could be a great friend if you gave them the chance.
Stereotype

Stereotypes occur when you identify one trait in an individual and assume that all others like that individual share that trait. An example is shown to the right, where Timmy assumes that because some Chinese people do eat dogs, all of them do, including his new classmate.
Misunderstanding

Even those who mean well can accidentally make the wrong kind of assumptions because they do not fully understand the true nature of the person they are defending.
Outcast

Oftentimes, those in a minority group can end up feeling all alone, especially if their peers pick on them.
Fitting In

Humanity is built on cooperation, and to varying extents, we all seek it. Sometimes, people change themselves to fit in.