What’s the DIFFERENCE?

Directions: Write an example for each word. The first one has been done for you.

1. **A bias** is an attitude (good or bad) based on one’s own culture.
   Example: America is the best country to live in.

2. **A prejudice** is a bias that is negative and not factual.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

3. **A stereotype** is a description of a person or group that is based on perceived qualities rather than on actual encounters.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

4. **Discrimination** is when a certain group in society has rights and privileges withheld from them.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

5. **Racism** is a belief that all members of a race of people are better or worse than another race of people.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

6. **Sexism** is a prejudice, the stereotyping, or the discrimination, typically against women, on the basis of sex or gender.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

7. **Bigotry** covers intolerance and hostility towards other groups of people, and is frequently used regarding **religion**. A person practicing bigotry would be called a **bigot**.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

8. **Hate speech** is **speech** that attacks a person or group on the basis of attributes such as race, religion, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. A crime that includes hate speech is called a **hate crime** and is a very serious offense.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

9. **Diversity** is a variety or difference.
   Example: __________________________________________________________________

10. **Adversity** is misfortune or difficulties in one’s life. **Resilience** is the ability to recover quickly from adversity.
    Example: __________________________________________________________________
Discussing Prejudices, Biases, Stereotypes, etc.

1. Is it possible to be free of prejudices, biases, and/or stereotypes? Have you ever met someone who was?

2. Are you prejudiced? If so, what are some recent instances in which you have behaved in a prejudiced way? If not, how do you know that you are not prejudiced?

3. If a friend or family member were to make a prejudiced, biased, or stereotypical comment, would you say something to them? Why or why not?

4. If a stranger or acquaintance were to make a prejudiced, biased, or stereotypical comment, would you say something to them? Why or why not?

5. If you were to make a prejudiced, biased, or stereotypical comment at a social gathering, would your friends say something?

We want to know how you have been and can continue to be an agent of positive change. Honestly and thoughtfully respond to the prompt below. Share what you’ve learned through your life experiences and tell how you’ll apply that knowledge in helping to create a brighter future.

Quotes about Stopping the Hate

“There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction.” —John F. Kennedy

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” —Edmund Burke

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” —Winston Churchill
“To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice.” -Confucius

“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.” -Nelson Mandela

“In the end, we will not remember the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” -Margaret Mead

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” -Barack Obama

“You have enemies? Good! It means you stood up for something at least once in your life.”
Eleanor Roosevelt

“The cruellest lies are often told in silence.” -Robert Lewis Stevenson

“Take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” -Elie Wiesel

“Hate has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet.” -Maya Angelou

“Becoming informed and developing your own opinion is the only way to move beyond stereotypes.”
Ella Attell, Hawken School

“Education, love and acceptance are the first steps to breaking down barriers.” -Nupur Goel, Gilmour Academy

“Hatefulness is a weakness.” -Athena Grasso, Beachwood Middle School

“We simply cannot afford the merciless ransom that indifference demands.”
Apoorva Vallampati, Aurora High School

“I hope to be an upstander for a person who feels isolated and alone because I know what that feels like.”
Robert Ballard, Newton D. Baker School of Arts

“One brave comment, no matter how softly it is spoken, can make a change.”
Kenton Carrell, St. Barnabas Catholic School

“Silence is for the cowardly.” -Elizabeth Lentz, Magnificat High School

“If you let an offender think what they’re doing is okay there’s nothing to stop them from making you their next victim.” -Angel Goodluck, Roxboro Middle School

“Stopping hate also means stopping to think how other people feel…”
Thomas Schill, Rocky River Middle School

“Just because I was different didn’t mean I couldn’t make a change.”
Carly Conrad, Copley Middle School
Thinking about all that we discussed in class and your life experiences, which quote really speaks to you about the hatred currently in our world and how to stop the hate? Explain your answer.

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I resolve to...

Stop Racism and inequality. Don’t think people are “us” and “them”. We are one.