

## EXPOSING PREJUDICE

1. Finish each statement below with the first words that come to mind. This is just an exercise, so be honest. Just because you write something down, doesn't necessarily mean you believe it.

Jewish people are \_\_\_\_\_.

Computer programmers are \_\_\_\_\_.

Fashion models are \_\_\_\_\_.

Older people always \_\_\_\_\_.

Welfare mothers are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Can you think of other statements like the ones above? If so, what are they?

3. Where do you think you got the statements you wrote down—from your family, friends, life experiences, television, movies, the news, or a combination? Explain your answer.

4. To be prejudiced means to "pre-judge" without having any information. The more information we have, the less likely we are to be prejudiced.

Choose one of the phrases you wrote down for question #1 or question #2. Use information resources like the Internet or your school library to learn more about the subject. For instance, if you wrote the statement, "Blonde women are usually dumb," you might find a story about a blonde woman who won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. Search for statistics, stories and facts to disprove the prejudiced statement. Summarize your information in a brief report.