

Who Would You Choose?

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Show your young people how quickly we form opinions about people based on what they look like. Hang up 20 or so photos of people of all kinds—old, young, Hispanic, Asian, white, black, attractive, ugly, fat, slim, wealthy, poor. Give everyone 15 minutes to study the photos.

Next, in groups of four or five, let the kids discuss these questions, making their choices from among the people in the photographs:

1. Which five people would you want to travel with for one year?
2. Is there any one person you would not want anything to do with? Why?
3. Who, if anyone, would you be willing to marry?
4. Who, if anyone, would you choose to be your best friend? Why?
5. Which person of the opposite sex do you think you could really like? Why?
6. If only five of those photographed and yourself were allowed to live while everyone else would be executed, which five would stay with you? Why?
7. What traits, other than how people look, would you use to answer the above questions?