Just because...

An autobiography poem about identity, empowerment and empathy

Stereotyping

A STEREOTYPE is a popular idea about a group of people. This poem should be **personal** and **fight against** stereotypes you may have encountered personally or have seen. It could have to do with gender, race, height, background or anything else. Try to challenge the false ideas people might have about you.



Task 1 Personal Traits/ Characteristics

Complete this activity on Google Classroom

My Personal Traits/ Characteristics

Inspirations and Examples



EXPLORE TÜHURA

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JUST BECAUSE!

Just because I am from Africa...

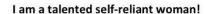
Doesn't mean I'm from the bush Doesn't mean I'm primitive Doesn't mean I'm uneducated

I am an educated & progressive woman!



Just because I am an African woman...

Doesn't mean I'm poor & helpless Doesn't mean I'm always dependent on others Doesn't mean I'm not capable of taking charge





Just because I love my African culture...

Doesn't mean I am uncivilized Doesn't mean I have to be ashamed Doesn't mean I must be silent

I am the proud voice of my ancestors!



Just because I am a humble African woman

Doesn't mean I am a pushover Doesn't mean I don't know my rights Doesn't mean I cannot speak up

> I am an assertive African Woman of wisdom!



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JUSY because I am...

Muslim Doesn't mean I hate America Doesn't mean I am a terrorist Doesn't mean I'm not a feminist Quiet
Doesn't mean my voice won't be heard Doesn't meam I'm not a dreamers Doesn't mean I can't change the world am a silent Muslim American Leader

Just because I'm short

Doesn't mean I can't reach the chocolate chip cookies on the top shelf

Doesn't mean my greatest wish in the world is to be tall

Doesn't mean I can't play basketball and win

Just because I play video games

Doesn't mean that I can be described as violent and a future terrorist

Doesn't mean I don't have a social life

Doesn't mean that my career choices are limited to gaming

Just because I'm Asian

Doesn't mean my parents must own a gas station

Doesn't mean I don't struggle with math and science

Doesn't mean I can't speak English just as well as you



Examples

JUST BECAUSE ...

Just because I'm an only child

I'm not a freak

I'm not shy

I'm not unhappy

Just because I'm an only child

I'm not lonely

I'm not selfish

I'm not spoiled

Just because I'm an only child

I know I'm not perfect

I can't always be the best friend

I'm not a nerd

Just because I'm an only child - let me be me.

---Liz Webster

Just because I'm Indian. Doesn't mean I work at seven-eleven. Doesn't mean I have an accent. And doesn't mean I wear a dot on my forehead. Just because I'm Indian, Doesn't mean I'm poor, Doesn't mean there are cows roaming down my street, And beggars in front of my door. Just because I'm Indian. Doesn't mean I'm unsanitary, Doesn't mean I'm anorexic, And looking for a cure. Just because I'm Indian, Why should anyone care? What is the difference? What is life without variety? Just because I'm Indian.

Just because I'm a computer nerd

Doesn't mean I am humorous Doesn't mean I eat, breathe and sleep video games

And doesn't mean I wear glasses. Just because I am on the honor roll Doesn't mean that I'm a goody goody

and Doesn't mean that I don't like to hang out

And I feel the stress like everyone else. Just because I care about what other people think

Doesn't mean I decide my actions based on that Doesn't mean I don't have confidence And certainly shouldn't be held against

me

Just because I am nice to my parents Why should people think I'm not normal? Who says a teenager has to be troubled?

When do I get to be me? I am a teen unexpected.

STEREOTYPES DO EXIST, BUT WE HAVE TO WALK THROUGH THEM.

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