



**TEXT PLEDGE**

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# ACTIVITY BOOK

**END DISCRIMINATION**

GRADES 9 - 12



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## A Message From Our Founder

*People come with their own shapes, colors, backgrounds and beliefs.*

*Discrimination happens when someone is treated differently because of how they look, how they act, or what they believe. The world is not free from discrimination. Compassion and empathy is lacking in today's world. When something this basic is in short supply, it becomes extremely valuable.*

*In this lesson, we will explore the topic of discrimination and identify behaviors that challenge it.*

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*Happy Learning!*



**Ms. Naomi**  
Founder at the TextPledge Project



# Do you know the different types of discrimination?

Discrimination is the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of ethnicity, age, sex, or disability. Draw a line to match each definition with the types of discrimination.

**Gender  
Discrimination**

When people are treated unfairly because of how old or young they are.

**Racial  
Discrimination**

When someone is treated differently due to a visible, invisible or intellectual disability.

**Religious  
Discrimination**

When someone is treated unfairly and different because of their gender.

**Age  
Discrimination**

When someone is mistreated because of their race, ethnicity or the color of their skin

**Disability  
Discrimination**

When people treat others badly because of their beliefs or how they practice their religion.



# Anti-discrimination legislation

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability. Use your internet research skills to learn more about this legislation. What does this mean for the following areas of society? Record your responses below.

Employment:

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Education:

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Travel & Transportation:

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# Anti-discrimination legislation (cont.)

There have been many notable legal cases surrounding the ADA. Find a legal case study that you find interesting and respond to the questions below.

Plaintiff:

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Defendant:

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Summarize the legal claims made relevant to the ADA:

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Summarize the verdict and any significant or interesting details.

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# ALL ABOUT US

Discrimination can occur without intention. It is important to proactively create environments of mutual respect. Draw a line to match each definition with the correct terminology.

**Antisemitism**

Unfair treatment of a person or group based on their beliefs or background.

**Prejudice**

Negative beliefs or attitudes held about an entire group of people.

**Discrimination**

Intolerance or dislike of Jewish people, often leading to discrimination.

**Stereotype**

A fixed, oversimplified idea about a particular group of people.



# True or False?

Circle the correct answer.

- **Antisemitism** is a form of respect for all religions.  
(True/False)
- **Discrimination** means treating people unfairly based on their background. (True/False)
- **Stereotypes** are accurate representations of a group of people. (True/False)
- **Prejudice** is a positive attitude towards someone different from us. (True/False)
- **Tolerance** means accepting and respecting the differences between people. (True/False)



# Congratulations!

You have completed the activity book. Taking this pledge is just one symbol of your commitment to make the world a kinder place.

## What happens next?

Students can continue to make a difference through the following actions:

- Reflect and practice self-awareness.
- Speak up and confront social issues and injustices.
- Know where to find resources and support.



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**1**

**STOP DISTRACTED  
DRIVING**

**2**

**END  
DISCRIMINATION**

**3**

**END ACTS  
OF VIOLENCE**

**4**

**PREVENT BULLYIN AND  
CYBER BULLYING**

**5**

**RAISE MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS**

**6**

**STOP DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT**

**7**

**END DRIVING UNDER  
THE INFLUENCE**

**8**

**STOP HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING**

**9**

**PROTECT ANIMAL  
RIGHTS**

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**PROTECT THE  
ENVIRONMENT**

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