



*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.
Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education”.*
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Intelligence has to do with WHAT we learn.

Character has to do with HOW we act.

How are you going to use what you learn in order to engage in actions that will make this world a better place? That's the question we should be asking ourselves.

Stereotypes are things we assume about someone because of the items they own, the way they look, and how they talk. The “I am, but I am not...” activity is designed to fight back against stereotypes. Try and think about an example that might fit who you are as a person. I have included some examples of my own below. Remember, don't judge a book by its cover :) You wouldn't want anyone judging you before getting a chance to know you!

“I am, but I am not...”

(Defying Stereotypes)

[Examples]

“I am small, but I am not weak.”

“I have short legs, but I am not slow.”

“I am young, but I am not helpless.”

We have come to learn that we all look different, sound different, and have different things. It isn't fair to assume something about someone else based on these things. Get to know them before making judgements. Who knows, you just might make a new friend!