

Ethnic Notions: Black People in White Minds (1987).

A Video by Marlon Riggs. Available from California Newsreel.

How do our individual beliefs and attitudes, both conscious and subconscious, influence our expectations and the way we interact with our students?

How and why are positive and negative images and stereotypes perpetuated in our society on both a conscious and subconscious level?

What are some of the positive and negative images and stereotypes of the groups listed below?

What value is placed on the members of these groups?
How do individuals and society determine their value?

African-Americans

Asians

Latinos

Whites

Women

Men

Elderly

Phys/Mentally Challenged

In the film, *Ethnic Notions*, we saw how images were intentionally constructed to serve the goals of certain groups.

How and why was public opinion manipulated?

How do these images reflect racial tension in the United States?

How are the images of the past still with us?

What other images influence our attitudes and behavior toward certain groups?

How and why can we include this discussion in our classrooms?

If these images are socially constructed, how can they be changed?