

**Prejudice and Discrimination:
a data sheet for recording key information from the film ‘Remember the Titans’**

In this activity, students view the film ‘Remember the Titans’ to help them understand and examine factors that contribute to the development of prejudice, and the factors that may help reduce prejudice and discrimination.

Students are provided with the following data sheet (photocopied on double-sided A3) to help them record their responses and evidence of prejudice and discrimination during the film. Use of a data sheet helps to direct and record student notes and also provides them with direction when viewing the film. It is suggested that teachers pause and stop the film when key points/quotes/moments occur so that students are given the best opportunity to take relevant notes during the film.

At the completion of watching the film, students should present a response to the following question: ‘How were factors that may reduce prejudice demonstrated in the film ‘Remember the Titans’?’

Students should be instructed to use appropriate examples and quotes from the film to support their arguments. Teachers may decide whether or not students are allowed to use the data sheet when completing their response and whether or not the response should be completed in or outside the class.

Teachers may also decide whether to specify the presentation mode or to provide the students with a list of appropriate presentation modes from which students can choose.

Note: A similar style of data sheet can be used for any other film observed in Psychology or can be provided to students to direct and scaffold their recording of information during oral and class presentations.

Related Key Skills

Investigate and inquire scientifically

- analyse and interpret data, and draw conclusions consistent with the research question
- work independently and collaboratively as appropriate and within identified research constraints

Apply psychological understandings

- use research literature to demonstrate how psychological concepts and theories have developed over time
- process and interpret information, and make connections between psychological concepts and theories
- apply understandings to both familiar and new contexts

Communicate psychological information and understandings

- communicate psychological information, ideas and research findings accurately and effectively
- use communication methods suitable for different audiences and purposes
- use scientific language, conventions and referencing of information sources appropriate to the medium of communication

Data Sheet – Analysis of ‘Remember the Titans’

Issues present at the beginning of the film

Prejudice shown at the beginning of the film

Evidence of discrimination throughout the film

Stereotypical comments made throughout the movie

Evidence of sustained contact reducing prejudice and discrimination

Evidence of mutual interdependence reducing prejudice and discrimination

Evidence of superordinate goals reducing prejudice

Evidence of how equality of status reduced prejudice

Difficulties Coach Boone encountered throughout the film

Difficulties the team encountered throughout the film

Key moments in reducing prejudice and discrimination

Factors that may reduce prejudice

There are a number of ways in which prejudice and discrimination can be reduced. Legislation and anti-discrimination laws have led to a significant reduction in the incidence of prejudice and discrimination in Australian Society. The mass media and education programs also have an important role in combating prejudice, however these measures do not necessarily stop people from being prejudiced. Other ways of reducing prejudice and discrimination include **intergroup contact** and **cognitive interventions**.

