

ANTI-BIAS STUDY GUIDE (SECONDARY LEVEL)

Overview of Units

Unit I: Building a Strong Foundation provides lessons that allow teachers and students to create a climate conducive to the honest exchange of ideas. The lessons build on one another, developing a deeper understanding of the importance of listening to others and sharing ideas from diverse perspectives.

Unit II: Cultural Identity and Values provides an opportunity for students to research and share their cultural heritages. This unit also provides opportunities to critically explore the complexities of United States culture and to examine the benefits and challenges of a pluralistic society.

Unit III: Analyzing Information is devoted to helping students improve their critical thinking skills. The lessons provide opportunities for students to objectively analyze sources, to evaluate data and to investigate historical and current events from multiple perspectives.

Unit IV: Identifying and Examining Bias gives students an opportunity to examine sources of bias and to understand how bias manifests itself in U.S. society. Additionally, lessons in this section introduce students to the concept of institutional discrimination, the role of the media in society and how bias and bigotry affect everyone.

Unit V: Challenging Bias encourages students to understand the various roles that individuals play with regard to biased behavior, namely, targets, perpetrators, bystanders, confronters and allies. Lessons are designed to encourage personal responsibility for confronting and interrupting prejudice.