

Judging people is a waste of time

Get to know the person before deciding their label



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She's fat. He's too skinny. She's mean. He's a flirt. She's poor. He's rich. She's a bookworm. He's a nerd. She's annoying. He's weird.

When you ask someone who that girl is or who that boy is, they usually reply using adjectives and most of the time, they're negative ones. Seldom do you hear someone say "Oh, she's the nicest person!" or "He's such a gentleman!"

In high school, people are judged everyday. They're grouped and labeled. They get trapped in a stereotype and have to work hard to escape it. Walking down the hall, there's the sports boys, popular girls, bookworms, and

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loners.

For those who get put in a lower group on the popularity chain, it can be the worst four years of their life. Maybe these students don't buy the right stuff or play the right sports. They have to force themselves to go to school, walk the halls alone, and hope they don't get made fun of. No one should

have to experience that everyday. Judging someone doesn't make you a better person either. If you say "she's ugly and poor," it doesn't make you any prettier or richer. The person you're labeling is more than likely thinking the

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same things about you. If you're judging someone, someone else is judging you.

Judging people by first impressions happens all the time. It can be a good thing in the right situations. You might look very professional and serious during a

job interview. You might look very athletic and muscular playing a sport in front of a pro scout.

But judging first impressions for the wrong reasons are something we have to learn to stop. If we label someone before we ever talk to them, it will be harder to let them in. If you've already decided you won't like them, you'll never talk to them and find out who they really are.

Unless you know what everyone is like and what they have to go through daily, no one should be judging anyone. We should spend more time befriending everyone and less time picking out everyone's flaws. So step out of your group and say hi to someone you don't normally talk to. Don't think about what they look like or what they're involved in. Get to know someone as a person; not by assuming what you've heard is true. Maybe you'll make a new friend.



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