

The Enduring Impact of "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" on Education and Race Relations

In 1968, Jane Elliott, a third-grade teacher in Riceville, Iowa, conducted a groundbreaking experiment that would leave a lasting impact on education and race relations.



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Elliott's "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" exercise was designed to help her students understand the harmful effects of prejudice and discrimination. She divided her class into two groups based on eye color: blue-eyed and brown-eyed.

On the first day of the experiment, Elliott told the blue-eyed students that they were superior to the brown-eyed students. She gave them special

privileges, such as extra recess time and the best seats in the classroom.

On the second day, Elliott reversed the roles. She told the brown-eyed students that they were superior to the blue-eyed students. She gave them the same special privileges that the blue-eyed students had enjoyed the day before.

The results of Elliott's experiment were both immediate and profound. The students began to exhibit the same prejudices and discriminatory behaviors that they had witnessed in the real world.

The blue-eyed students, who had been treated as superior on the first day, became arrogant and condescending towards the brown-eyed students. They refused to sit next to them or play with them.

The brown-eyed students, who had been treated as inferior on the first day, became withdrawn and resentful. They began to believe that they were not as good as the blue-eyed students.

Elliott's experiment lasted for only two days, but the lessons it taught have stayed with her students for a lifetime. They learned firsthand the devastating effects of prejudice and discrimination.

The "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" exercise has been used in classrooms around the world to teach students about diversity, equity, and inclusion. It has also been used to train teachers, law enforcement officers, and other professionals on how to create more inclusive environments.

The experiment continues to be relevant today, as we grapple with the ongoing challenges of racism and discrimination. It is a reminder that we

must all work together to create a more just and equitable society.

The Educational Impact of "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes"

Elliott's "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" exercise has had a profound impact on education. It has helped students to understand the harmful effects of prejudice and discrimination, and it has taught them the importance of empathy and compassion.

The exercise has also been shown to improve academic performance. A study by the University of California, Berkeley found that students who participated in the exercise had higher scores on standardized tests than students who did not.

The study also found that the exercise improved students' attitudes towards diversity. Students who participated in the exercise were more likely to believe that people of different races are equal, and they were more likely to value diversity.

The "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" exercise is a powerful tool that can be used to create more inclusive and equitable classrooms. It is an essential lesson for students of all ages.

The Impact of "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" on Race Relations

Elliott's "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" exercise has also had a significant impact on race relations. It has helped to raise awareness of the problem of racism and discrimination, and it has inspired people to take action to create a more just and equitable society.

The exercise has been used by civil rights activists and organizations to educate people about the realities of racism. It has also been used to train law enforcement officers and other professionals on how to interact with people of different races.

The "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" exercise is a powerful reminder that we must all work together to create a more just and equitable society. It is a lesson that we must never forget.

Jane Elliott's "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" exercise is a groundbreaking experiment that has had a profound impact on education and race relations. It has taught us the harmful effects of prejudice and discrimination, and it has inspired us to create a more just and equitable society.

The exercise continues to be relevant today, as we grapple with the ongoing challenges of racism and discrimination. It is a reminder that we must all work together to create a more just and equitable world.



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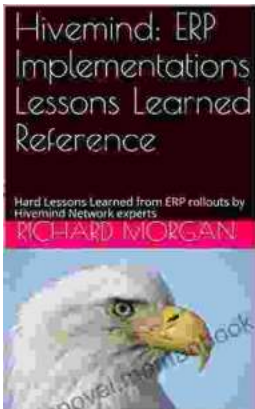
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