

**IDENTITY, STEREOTYPES, AND DISCRIMINATION CHART:
TEACHER'S REFERENCE**

	Identity	Stereotypes	Discrimination
<i>The Women Who Outshone the Sun</i> by Patricia Polacco	The woman lives in a small village and is friends with the river. She is strong and sure of herself. Other villagers think she is strange. We see at the end that she is understanding and forgiving.	The villagers think the woman is strange and too powerful. They are afraid of her because she is different and they don't understand her.	The woman is discriminated against for being different and is banned from the village.
<i>I Can Hear the Sun from a</i> poem by Alejandro Cruz Martinez	Fondo feels different from others. He doesn't do well in school and he lives in a special home for unwanted children. He spends his summer days in a park watching the geese and he makes friends with adults in the park who have very different identities. They seem to understand him because maybe they feel like they don't fit in either.	The boy might be afraid to talk to others because he thinks they won't understand him. Others might think of him as a poor orphan who isn't very smart and doesn't know anything.	The boy is not well cared for and is not happy in the home where he lives. He seems poor. Nobody is purposely discriminating against him, but maybe a poor, orphan boy can suffer discrimination due to a lack of available services to help him.
<i>The Secret Footprints</i> by Julia Alvarez	The Ciguapas are a secret group of people whose feet are on backwards. They don't want other people to know they exist.	They think other people will hurt them if they find out about them, so they are afraid of them. Other people don't have stereotypes about the Ciguapas because they don't know about them – but the Ciguapas have stereotypical ideas about humans. As it turns out, the human boy doesn't hurt the Ciguapa girl when he sees her.	The Ciguapas feel that they can't allow themselves to be seen, but this isn't really discrimination – it's more like fear of discrimination and trying to avoid it. If they announced their presence maybe there would be discrimination against them. It's impossible to know.