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DIVERSITY IN OUR SOCIETY

Have you experienced diversity? Do you know what diversity is? Diversity is the variety of different things. There is a lot of diversity that goes on in the United States. Whether it is age, education, gender, culture, religion, race, etc. Diversity is now found in the United States which is defined as the “melting pot” that beat problems we faced in history. Race is an essential part of diversity. People of each race are unique in their own way. Most people categorize themselves according to their skin color. Culture can play a huge role also.

On January 30, 1933 a genocide occurred during World War II. This horrific event was known as the Holocaust. Adolf Hitler was the leader of this. Approximately six million Jewish people were murdered by the Nazis. Hitler and the Nazis felt as if they could take over the world. He wanted to use Darwinism and breeding to create the “perfect race.” He thought that he could beat diversity, but he was wrong. Diversity beat him. Several countries such as the United States, Canada, Australia, and China joined together as one to defeat Hitler and the Nazis.

In the past, segregation occurred between African Americans and Caucasians. Blacks were not allowed to have the same privileges as whites. Blacks had separate bathrooms and water fountains. They were not allowed to work at certain jobs or even sit at the front of the bus. Whites were treated better than blacks, however they weren’t equal at all. In 1964 the Civil Rights Act ended all state laws regarding segregation. Therefore diversity beats segregation by the whites and blacks coming together and showing that they are equal.

Before the 19th Amendment was established women and men were not equal. Women weren’t allowed to vote until this amendment was passed. Men were held to a higher standard. The jobs that men and women worked at women weren’t paid the same amount. They were paid less. Women were judged

more. They were told they couldn't do the same job a man did because men were stronger or even smarter.

A popular high school story that is read is titled *Ain't I a Woman?* It was written by a female named Sojourner Truth who was born into slavery and escaped in 1827. Sojourner delivered a speech at the Women's Right Convention in May 1851. She talked about how she was just as tough and strong as a man. She plowed and planted, worked as hard, ate as much, and even got hit as hard just like any man. She birthed thirteen children and saw them get sold off to slavery. But why are men held to a higher standard? She even talked about how a man told her women can't have the same rights as men because Christ wasn't a woman. Christ came from God and he chose Mary to carry baby Jesus for nine months and gave birth to the child. So why aren't women strong enough? Once again diversity beat this situation. Women are more respected. Women have the same jobs or even better jobs as men. Women get paid just as much or even more. Women are just as successful or even more successful than men. Men and women came together and realized that we were equal, hence diversity beat inequality of men and women.

In children's picture books, you will find diversity more often than in the past. In 2015, the subject of diversity was a key topic in children's books. A big percentage of books portray characters from many diverse backgrounds. 73.3% were White, 12.5% were animals, trucks, etc., 7.6% Black, 3.3% Asian, 2.4% Latinx, and .9% Indians. This is a sign of the times that diversity is important in teaching our children about our overall society. As a nation identified as a "melting pot", diversity is who we are in our society.

In conclusion, diversity is seen in many aspects both nationally and globally. Whether its gender, religion, or race it makes up our world 's diversity. Knowing what diversity means and how it affects the world as a society will continue. As individuals it's important to understand the importance and effects of diversity.

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