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I try to live my life as a role model for others. I believe strongly against racism and judging people for what's on the outside instead of what's on the inside. For example, I have a best friend who is African American. When I first saw her, I didn't judge her because of her skin; I got to know her first. I found that she was a very nice, intelligent person. If I would have said, "I don't want to be friends with you because you're African American" before even getting to know her, then I wouldn't have become friends with her.

I think people should stop being racist and try to look at what's on the inside and not what's on the outside. Everyone needs to look for respectfulness, responsibility, trustworthiness, kindness, and caring in a person, not the color of their skin or what religion they believe in. For example, I have a friend who is Jewish. She is just as normal as any other person. But some people judge her because she doesn't have the same religion as them. When I got to know her, she was extraordinarily respectful and responsible. She is no different than I, and some people will never find that out because they are not willing to look at what she is really like.

The quotes from King and Burke state that people will remember what their friends do more than they will remember what their enemies do. Stay close to everyone because you won't remember that you disliked this or that person, you will just remember that you were friends with or liked hanging out with this or that person.

I think schools should start clubs or groups for people that feel stoutly against racism and prejudice. This group or club can think of ways to stop schools from having bullies who are mean to people because of their race or religion. If there was a group like this in every school, that would prevent racism in every school and eventually help the world stop racism and prejudice.

I know if people made fun of me, bullied me, or didn't want to be my friend because I am different from them, I would be disappointed. Luckily for me, people don't judge me for how I look; they judge me for based on my characteristics and personality.

Racism has been a problem in the past and continues now. It is time to stop having people bullied because they are unlike others. My generation needs to stop this now so it does not continue to our kids' generation. PUT A STOP TO RACISM!