Hand out 1 - "Definitions of Stereotypes"

Read some definitions of stereotypes. Work with a partner and think about at least three examples for each piece of information of the definitions.

1. A simplified and fixed image of all members of a culture or group (based on race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origins).
2. Generalizations about people that are based on limited, sometimes inaccurate, information (from such sources as television, cartoons or comic books, minimal contact with one or more members of the group, second-hand information)
3. Initial predictions about strangers based on incomplete information about their culture, race, religion, or ethnicity
4. A single statement or attitude about a group of people that does not recognize the complex, multidimensional nature of human beings
5. Broad categories about people that fail to differentiate among individuals, peoples, and societies.