



# High School

## Home Connection

### Racism

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share what we have been discussing and learning in class recently. Our lesson today focused on understanding racism and its impact.

We began by defining racism as prejudice or discrimination against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior. Racism results from a combination of privilege and power and denies equality to people based on race. It can manifest in many ways, from jokes and slurs to violent hate crimes. Throughout history, racism has influenced wars, slavery, the formation of nations, and even laws.

To help students grasp the concept of racism and its real-world implications, we looked at examples of business logos that have been used and deemed racist over the decades. Each student chose one of these logos to consider and discussed why the business might have chosen it initially, who was hurt by its use, and why.

Students then engaged in thoughtful conversations with their peers, practicing explaining their opinions, receiving feedback, and accepting differing viewpoints.

To continue this important conversation at home, please ask your student: "What did you learn about racism and its impact, and how can we all work together to challenge and overcome it?" This can be a great opportunity for a meaningful discussion about the importance of equality, respect, and understanding in our community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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