

A True Singaporean

An activity of Stories of Casual Racism

What is happening in the picture below? To find out, go to <http://more.whatsapp.sg/> and read "You Don't Look Singaporean".

- 1) In the picture below, all the kids are local except for the boy in the middle. Fill in what the characters could possibly be saying or thinking in the speech and thought bubbles below. For instance, how does the boy in the middle feel? Why are the rest unhappy with him?



- 2) How we look at someone is affected by our biases, not just by what the person looks like. From the picture, why do you think the other characters feel that the boy in the middle "does not look Singaporean"?

- 3) Do you agree with the characters' definition of a Singaporean? Why or why not?

4) Take a look at the following descriptors of what makes a Singaporean. Circle the ones which you think apply.

Knows Singlish	Can sing "Home"	Is bilingual	Is kiasu
Watches the National Day Parade	Belongs to one of the main races in Singapore	Speaks one of the main languages in Singapore	Belongs to one of the main religions in Singapore
Can draw the Singapore flag correctly	Knows the pledge and national anthem by heart	Wears red and white, merlions or stars on clothing	Contributes to Singapore
Has a pink NRIC	Loves hawker food	Loves Singapore	Other examples?

In your opinion, what make someone truly Singaporean? Explain why you think so.

5) Who comes to mind when you think of "a true Singaporean"? What makes this person truly Singaporean in your view? Write and/or draw your answer below:

6) Share your views with your class. As a whole class, discuss what it means to be truly Singaporean. And, as important, what it means for everyone who lives here to feel they are welcome here, regardless of what they look like or where they come from.