


A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Recognising and challenging stereotypes
of visible difference

SECONDARY
LESSON
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Today we will learn:

- What a stereotype is and identify some examples.
 - What a visible difference is.
 - How stereotypes of visible difference are often used in film and on TV.
 - What impact negative stereotypes of visible difference can have on people.
 - How all stereotypes can be challenged.
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CLASS DISCUSSION

What does the word **stereotype** mean?



A **stereotype** is an idea about a particular group of people that is often oversimplified, untrue or unfair.





CLASS DISCUSSION

What impact do **stereotypes** have?



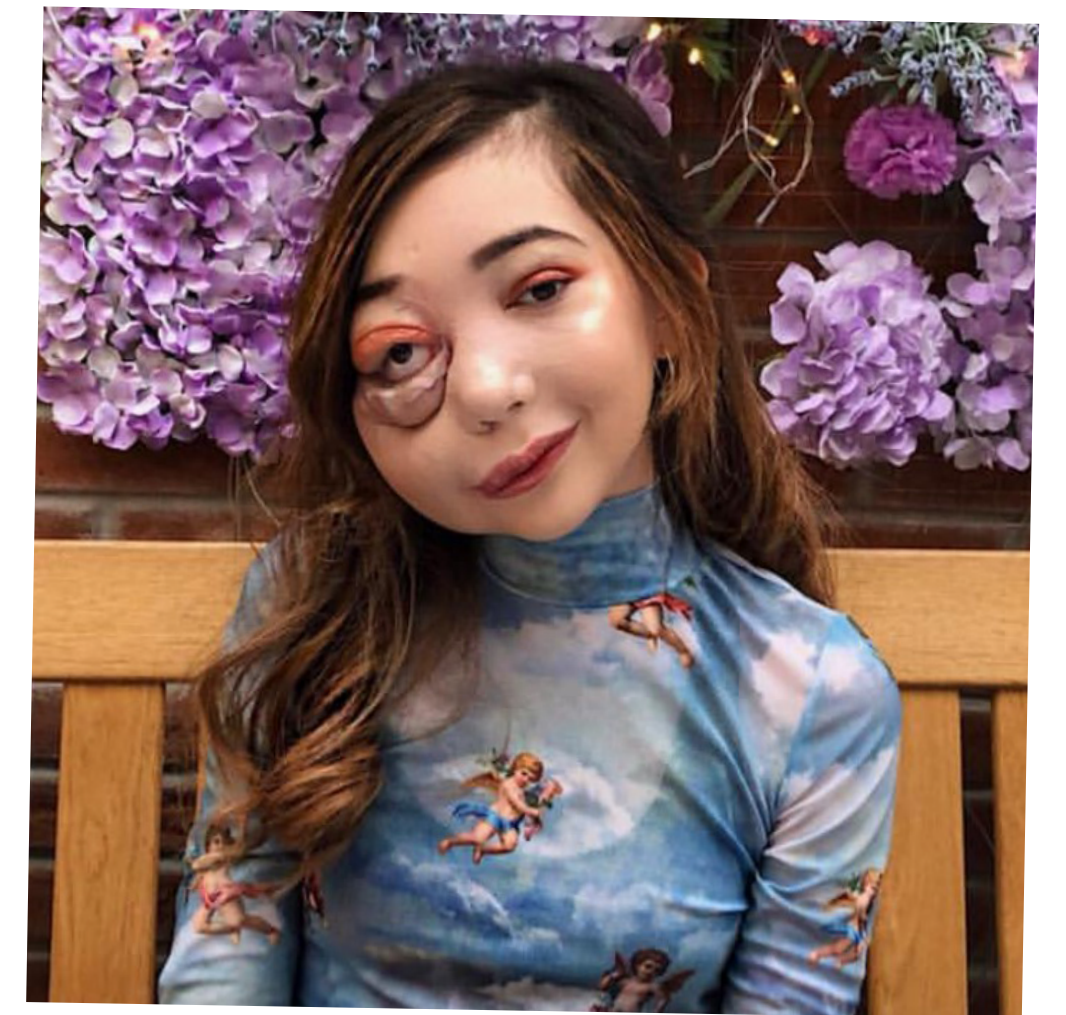
Today we're going to be talking about how **stereotypes** affect people who have a visible difference (a mark, scar or condition that affects how they look).



Causes of a visible difference:

- Skin conditions like eczema, acne, or vitiligo
- Burns
- Birthmarks
- Craniofacial conditions, affecting the growth and development of the skull and face
- Cleft lip/palate (a gap or split in the upper lip and/or roof of the mouth)
- Cancer

There are many types of **visible difference**



GROUP ACTIVITY

Write a list of film or TV characters who have a scar, mark or condition that affects their appearance.



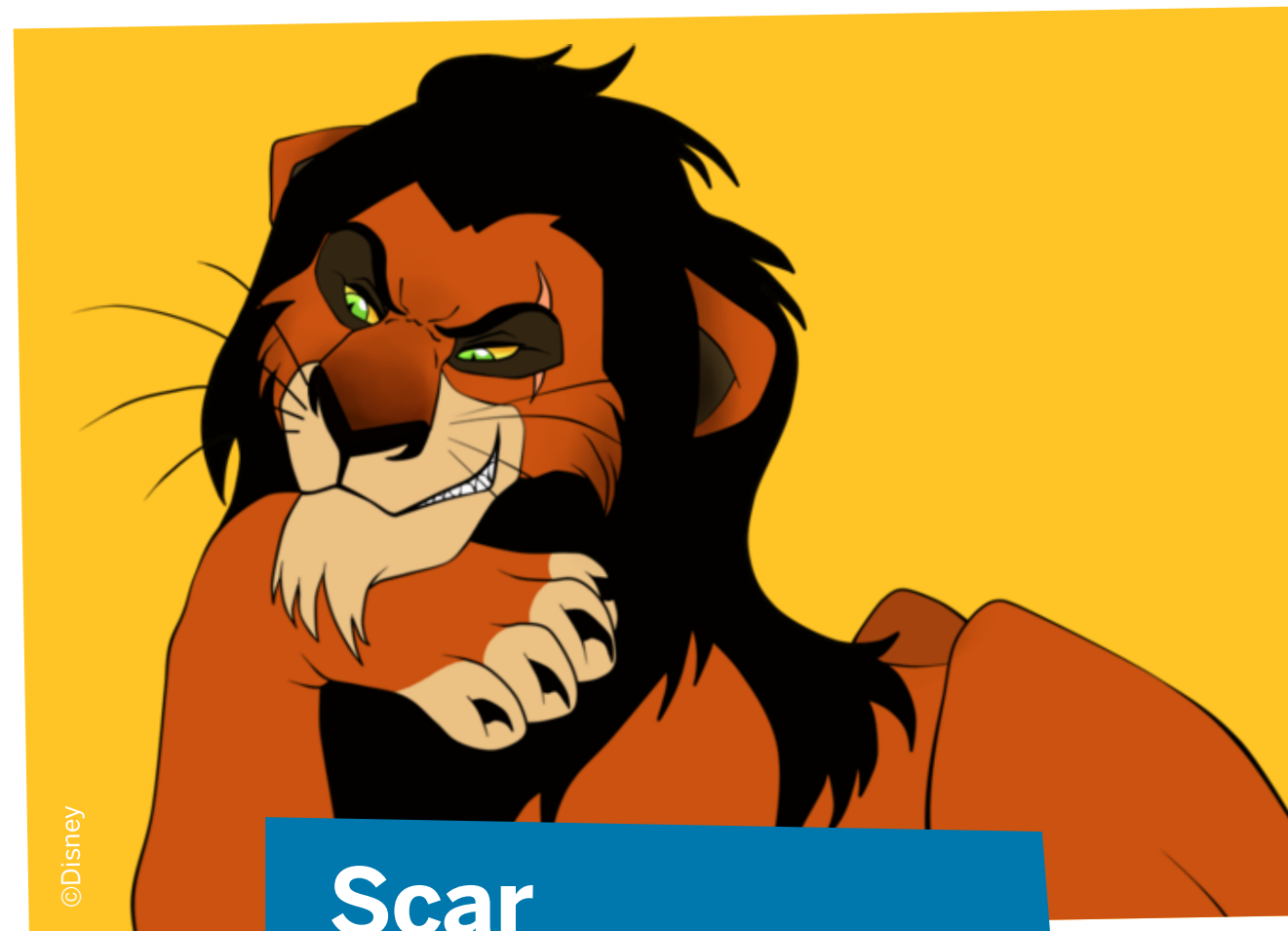
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The Evil Queen
SNOW WHITE

CLASS DISCUSSION

What impact could stereotypical film and TV villains have on people who have a visible difference in real life?

#iamnotyourvillain



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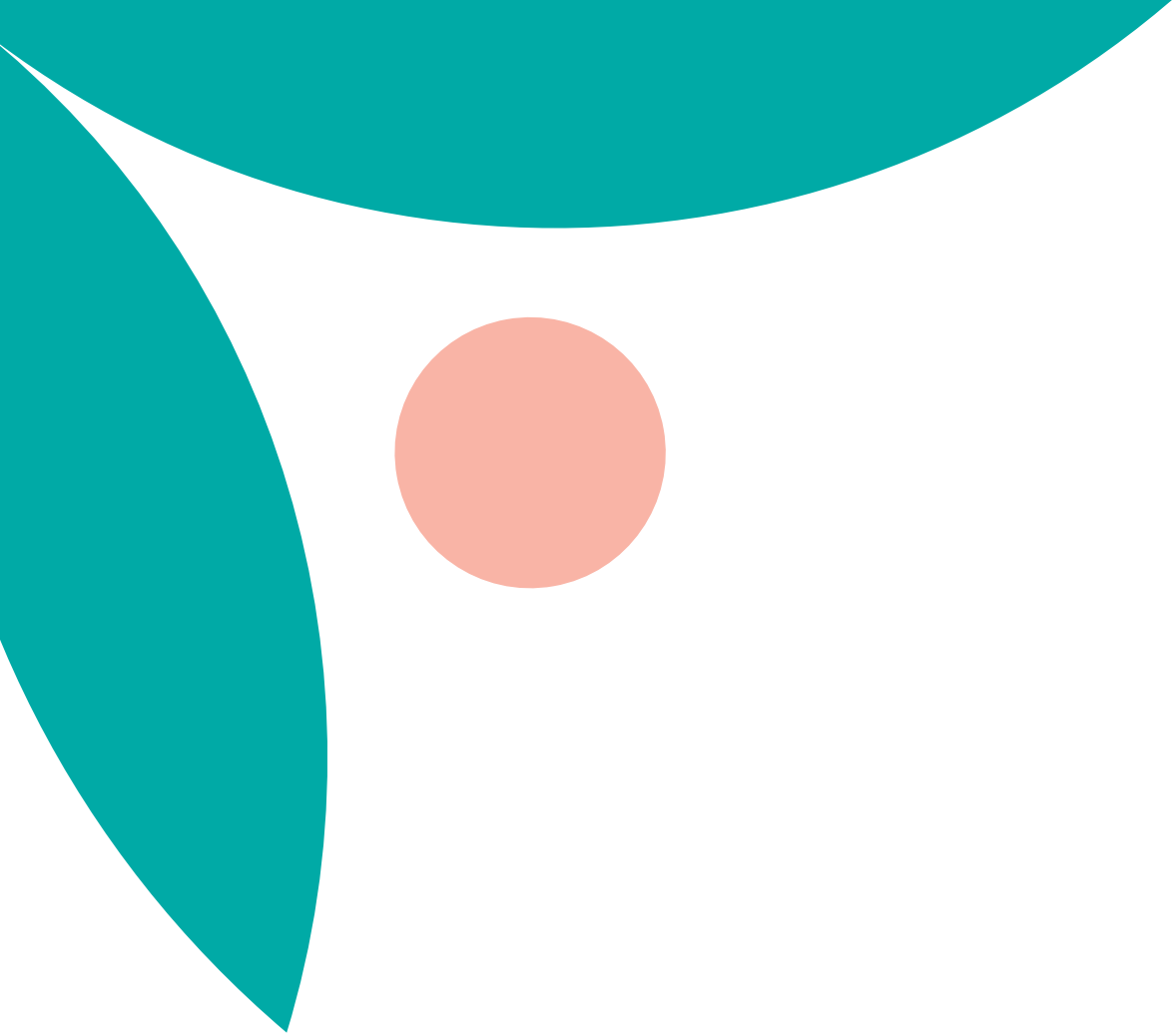


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