

My Peaceful World

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Peace is a puzzle piece. The world is *almost* complete without it, but without the centerpiece, something feels like it's missing. In my peaceful world, this key would unlock every mind, letting in new ideas and accepting people and their culture for who and what they are.

When I moved to America, I brought a tuna sandwich to lunch at preschool. The kids around me said, “Ew, it smells bad!” and I wondered, *does it really?* Was my favorite lunch really disgusting? Since I was in preschool at that time, I didn’t really understand *why* the kids were making fun of my lunch.

But now, I am in sixth grade, and I understand that they weren’t being mean—they just didn’t understand my culture. So after dozens of times introducing my country to multiple classes, people finally saw my culture as cool, and my food as tasty, instead of disgusting. I felt that I had opened my classmates’ minds to different cultures, allowing them to understand each other, and any new people of any new cultures they might meet.

So then, I realized that the cause of multiple conflicts is the lack of open mindedness. Different stereotypes can cause fake understandings of different cultures, and when somebody sees someone stereotypical, it only adds to their “evidence.” Everyone thought that I was amazing at math. But in truth, I had to study the night before tests too. It wasn’t like my genetics were part of my “math skills.” So if somebody automatically assumed something of someone just depending on their culture, did that make everyone with the same culture the same? Did that just make it okay for someone to say, “what can you play on the piano?” without even considering who they really were? So using *my* key of perseverance, I proved those stereotypes wrong, and opened my classmates’ minds to different cultures, instead of stereotypes.

Our differences make us all unique. If everyone sees each other and considers different perspectives, we could even achieve world peace. With this in mind, my peaceful world would be one where everyone is open-minded, sees everyone as they are, and considers different perspectives. Our world is a puzzle, and each piece is different. If they are put together, they make a beautiful piece. When our world becomes a complete puzzle, we can live in harmony.