Color is Beautiful

Time needed: 15 minutes
Recommended Level: All grades
Categories: Diversity, Tolerance

Common Core Standard (s): Speaking & Listening, Art **Purpose:** Students will understand that discrimination based on race or ethnicity goes against our normal definition of beauty.

DISCUSSION:

Discuss what the word "prejudice" means and why people are prejudiced.

ACTIVITY:

Give students a piece of paper. Give some students a black/tan marker; give others several different colored markers. Instruct students to draw their favorite animal. Once everyone is done, students vote on their favorite one. Most likely it is a colorful picture that wins. Ask students: "If we choose color in our art, why do we discriminate on the basis of skin color?" "If colorful art is beautiful, why don't we want a society of varying colors?"

FOLLOW-UP:

After the activity, students could go online and find examples of pictures where the use of color in the picture has made that picture beautiful.

