

SCENARIO TWO

With a partner or a small group, read the following scenario and discuss the follow-up questions.

Rex is in the 7th grade drama class. For this year's school play, the class chose to do a play about vikings! Everyone who wanted to audition for parts signed up and everyone who wanted to co-direct the play with Mr. G, the drama teacher, wrote their names to be considered. Mr. G asked Rex and two other students to take the list of names and decide who they wanted to co-direct the play with Mr. G. The names listed were "Anthony, Jillian, and Bryce". The other two students immediately ruled out Jillian. When Rex asked why, they said it was because she was a girl and that she probably didn't know much about vikings or action films/plays.

>If you were Rex, how would you respond? The other two students began their process of elimination for who would be the best co-director based on gender alone. What are some qualifications that Rex could propose they look at in order to see who would be best for the spot?

>Why is eliminating someone from consideration for a job, a role, or a position based on their gender wrong?

>Even if they didn't end up choosing Jillian for the directing job, how would Rex insisting they look at other qualifications be a way that he's promoting gender equality?

>In your opinion, should Jillian be given the chance to direct simply because she is a girl? Why or why not?

