Facial Expressions Worksheet

Instructions: Look over the photos provided and answer the questions that follow. After the activity is completed, be ready to discuss how you reacted to the facial expressions.

A          B          C          D

Self-Reflection Questions:

1. What message is sent by each person’s facial expression?

2. Does the actor’s gender influence how her/his facial expression is interpreted?

3. How would you react to each of these facial expressions?

4. Have people ever made judgments about you based on your facial expression? Can you give specific instances?

5. Is it easy for you to interpret facial expressions correctly? Can you think of instances where you were unable to correctly identify another person’s facial expression?

6. When facial expressions are ambiguous, such as in B and D, does racial/ethnic identity make it more difficult to recognize what the facial expressions indicate?