

when school first started but by the end of the year, I had her talking as much as anyone else and I feel like an Indian teacher can help or I guess, any teacher could help an Indian student. But to me, you have to be one to really be able to understand one. I know when I was in grade school, where I always liked my teachers and everything but they would make little remarks about the Indian students that would make them feel self conscious or uneasy around them or they'd, I don't know, I try to be friends and refrain from making any kind of remarks. I mean because, I'm very conscious about these things that are said.

PROBLEMS OF PREJUDICE TOWARD INDIANS

When I was in the third grade, I had a teacher that I always really liked, and she said something like, "Oh, look at that old Indian, that old Indian kid." She'd make some remark about the way I was dressed or the way I looked or something. After that, I just felt so uneasy. I think after that it just did something to me. I felt real self conscious around everyone. I just hated to go anywhere or I hated to speak up. Until then, my mother is 5/8 Indian. A lot of the Indians say, "She's too white to be an Indian, too Indian to be white." But you know, she gets along with everyone but I'm quite--I'm a lot darker than she is and people would think that she is my step-mother or something. You know, I have had several people tell me that my step-mother was here to get mr or something. To me, I don't think she understands it either about how, you know that you're not discriminated against but how people can make you feel, you know, if you're just a little bit different from them or something. You just don't feel right for some reason. I try to, well maybe do it unconsciously sometimes, I mean, but I try to never, every to say anything to hurt anyone or my students. But I hear a lot of remarks that other people say that I can just imagine how this child would feel because I've had the same experience. Maybe I shouldn't get mad but sometimes I do because I'd be talking to some one who is not an Indian and they'll say, "That old Indian did this and that old Indian did