STEP 3: What's a stereotype?
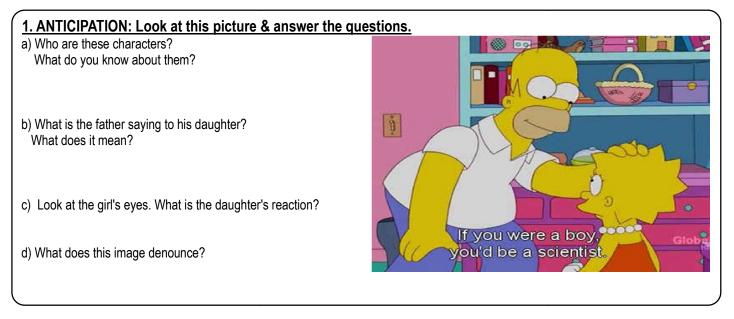
Objectif: comprendre ce qu'est un stéréotype; exprimer son accord ou son désaccord.

1. ANTICIPATION: Look at this picture & answer the questions.

a) Who are these characters?
   What do you know about them?

b) What is the father saying to his daughter?
   What does it mean?

c) Look at the girl's eyes. What is the daughter's reaction?

d) What does this image denounce?

If you were a boy, you'd be a scientist.

2. What is a stereotype?

Female Gender Stereotypes

Gender stereotypes begin the second a baby's gender is found out. As soon as we find out it's a girl, we immediately begin decorating a pink nursery filled with soft décor and butterflies and flowers. We assume that our daughter will be very "girly" and fill her closet with dresses and her toy box with tea sets and dolls. […]

Have you ever watched a little girl playing house? Even as young as five or six, she is well aware that she is supposed to stay home with the baby while the husband goes to work, and she has dinner ready when he gets home. Here is another stereotype; women stay at home while men go to work.

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→ READ the text and tick the correct answer(s).

a) According to this text, gender stereotypes begin..
□ **when we are born**
□ **when our parents know our sex**
□ **when we are children**
□ **when we are adults**

b) According to the text, a girl is supposed to be...
□ **girly**
□ **pretty**
□ **loving pink & flowers**
□ **wearing dresses**
□ brave
□ **intelligent**
□ **staying home**
□ **going to work**

→ TALK: Do you agree with this text? Why?

Use the "FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE" toolbox to help you.

3. THINK: What other stereotypes do you know about boys and girls?

Girls are supposed to .... Girls are not supposed to........

Boys are supposed to ...... Boys are not supposed to ....

TALK: Do you agree or disagree with all these stereotypes?

4. TALK: In groups of 2 or 3.
- **Choose a "typical" male or female job.**
- **Describe the job in a few sentences.**
- **Why is it a "typical male job" or "typical female job"?**
- **Do you agree with this? Why?**
ex: a maid, a mechanic, a midwife, a nanny, a firefighter, a bricklayer, a florist, a truck driver, a garbage man, a secretary...

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

giving opinions
As far as I'm concerned ...
In my opinion ... In my view ...
From my point of view ...
The way I see it is (that) ...
To my mind ...
Well, I reckon (that) ...
I (strongly) believe (that) ...
I (honestly) think (that) ...
I (really) feel (that) ...
Personally speaking, I believe ...
As for me, I reckon ...

asking opinions
What do you think/reckon?
Do you see what I'm getting at?
Do you know/see what I mean?
Do you agree with me?
Would you go along with that?
Would you agree with me that ...?
What are your thoughts on that?
Don't you think (that) ... ?

agreeing
I (totally) agree with you/that.
I couldn't agree more.
I'd go along with that.
I feel the same.
You're absolutely right.
Absolutely/Definitely/Exactly.
No doubt about it.
That's a good point / I see your point.
I see where you're coming from.

disagreeing
I'm afraid I disagree.
I don't agree with you/that.
I'd be inclined to disagree.
That's not the way I see it.
I don't think so / I don't feel the same

partly agreeing
I see your point but ...
I kind of agree with you/that.
I agree with you to an extent, however, ...
You make a good point, but ...