

Stereotypes

The concept of **stereotype** is shown in many different types of texts. A **stereotype** is an **idea** that one person holds about another, because that person belongs to a **specific group**. It is an **assumption** that, because a person fits into a **certain group**, he or she will act in a certain way. Examples of **stereotype** can be found in the book **The Cay** by Theodore Taylor, the book **Through My Eyes** by Ruby Bridges and in the "I Have a Dream" speech by Martin Luther King, Jr.

The concept of **stereotype** is conveyed in the book **The Cay**. The main character is a

white boy named Philip. In the beginning of the story, he describes what his mother has told him about black people. The mother would say to Philip, "They are not the same as you, Philip. They are different and live differently" (Taylor 36). The idea that the

mother expresses in this part of the book is an example of **stereotype**. This is because the mother is making the **assumption** that, because **certain people** Philip would encounter are **black**, they are automatically different from Philip and his family, who are **white**. The idea that **black people** act a certain way, merely because they have a **certain color skin**, is a **stereotype** that the mother held. As it has been shown, the concept of **stereotype** is conveyed in the book **The Cay**.

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