Exploring Labels, Stereotypes, and First Impressions

Looking at the photos on the previous page...

How do you decide what identities to give each person?

What assumptions do you make about each of these people when you see the way they are dressed?

What makes you see the person this way?

What question would you want to ask each person about the clothes they are wearing or the way they look?

Do you believe your first impressions are accurate?

How do your first impressions compare with those of your classmates?

What are the positive and negative sides of judging people based on what they wear?

How do you think you would be labeled by others?

Would that label be correct or incorrect?

Write a story about one of the people on the previous page. Or pick two people and write about what would happen if they met each other.

Here are some adjectives you might use to describe the people in the photos. Add some more to the list.

- glamorous
- sloppy
- clean
- confident
- old
- young

Practice writing sentences using adjectives. Here are two examples:

- The model is glamorous.
- The glamorous model is wearing a dress.