

1. President Barack Obama
2. Actor George Clooney
3. Singer Taylor Swift
4. Rap star Eminem
5. Albert Einstein

At first glance, this appears to be a list of top celebrities or important people. Actually, this is a list of people who were picked on and bullied when they were kids. In fact, a lot of highly talented, highly successful people were bullied when they were in school.

Those who stand out as strange or different in grade school are often people with hidden talents who grow up to be successful at a number of different things. The quiet kids may be great thinkers. The strange ones may have artistic talents hidden inside. Each and every person has special gifts that make them a genius in their own special way.

*1. How would you feel if someone you teased in school grew up to be the president or a famous rock star?*

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*2. If people like this could be teased, then what's that say about the opinions of those who tease people? How accurate are these judgments?*

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