"Silent Beats"
Debrief

Prompts

SETTING THE CONTEXT:
For many of you, there are not a lot of new messages in the movie. Our goal is for the movie to stimulate discussion and for you to get something out of the conversation in the classroom. With that in mind…

1. What reactions do you have to the movie? Does this happen in Palo Alto?

2. For quiet classes: How do each of the characters perceive each other? What is your evidence? (Use the board to create the following diagram.)

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Shopkeeper

Boy       Old Lady
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3. What’s the point of the movie? What message is the filmmaker trying to send?

4. Give an example when you have been stereotyped? When you have stereotyped someone else? How did that make you feel?

5. What stereotypes have people made during this discussion? (Like those who feel they were set up to see stereotypes when in reality the fact they see them indicates they have them.)

6. In writing: What can you take away from this movie? What can you do to limit stereotyping others?

7. Ask students who wish to share their written response from #6.