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Major Concepts | Associated Concepts
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Macroaggressions (blatant forms of aggression) | 1. physical altercations/violence, 2. physical bullying, 3. microassaults by way of (a) verbal bullying and (b) verbal assault (both verbal bullying and verbal assault include name-calling referencing skin color), and 4. deliberate exclusion/discriminatory actions
Feelings of Otherness | 1. racial disconnectedness

“The impact that colorism has on young girls, light girls and dark girls, leaves scars on the soul that live well into womanhood…”

– Iyanla Vanzant