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### High School Student Gravitate into Cliques

Over the years in high school, I learned not only school academics, but also adolescent behavior. Throughout my six years at G.A.R., there <sup>discovered</sup> were cliques, such as the thugs and teachers pets. However, the most known cliques were the preps, the jocks, and the nerds. <sup>good</sup>

The preps consisted of guys and girls who were never caught <sup>pot xel.</sup> dead shopping at a JCPenny store. They shopped in "The Limited" or "Express" for a piece of clothing that would cost around eighty dollars. <sup>(that would cost 20 at 20)</sup> Also, the preps only associated with other preps. If they happened to speak to someone out of the clique, it would only be a "Hi" or "Bye." The preps were the type of people <sup>who</sup> that thought they were better than everyone else. Amy, who was captain of the cheerleading squad, happened to be a prep. Every time I <sup>ee</sup> seen her in school, she was tossing her blonde hair around her finger, and showing off her new Tommy Hilfiger clothes that she never wore more than once.

In addition to the preps, <sup>possessive</sup> were the jocks. The jocks' attentiveness was on body building <sup>he</sup> there muscles and football. They would walk the halls of G.A.R. in there <sup>gap</sup> football jerseys swaying there big arms, as if they wanted everyone to know the "clique" was coming. Jocks took credit for being the bully's of the school. For example, Sam was the quarterback of our football team. Since he was popular and a jock, <sup>he thought</sup> led him to think that people



had to bow down to him, and <sup>he</sup> made a boy named Joe get on his knees whenever Sam saw him. That is where the nerds come into play.

The victims of the preps and jocks were the nerds. The nerds were a group of quiet students who were smart and focused on the work they needed to do in school. They socialized only with the nerds because everyone else did not care to know them. Tommy was an unpopular nerd. One day he was eating his lunch in the cafeteria when a jock named Greg walked over to the table where Tommy was sitting. Greg then turned over Tommy's lunch tray onto the floor and demanded Tommy to do his math homework.

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Although this is G.A.R., there are many different cliques in other high schools. I learned that people like the preps and jocks try to get amusement and attention by showing off their expensive clothing and picking on other people. Students should get to know the people who are not really noticed because they could be truly pleasant people. High school could be "hell," but we all learn how to cope or adjust, even if people are rich, snobby, <sup>athletic (adj)</sup> play sports, or very smart.

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