Questions to Ask Yourself about Creating an Inclusive Classroom Environment

Consider asking yourself the following questions:

- How do my own beliefs, attitudes, perceptions, and stereotypes influence how I see students of races different from myself?
- What assumptions do I make about students of races different than my own?
- Do I expect students of specific races to answer questions in certain ways?
- Do I expect students of specific races to have had certain experiences?
- Am I comfortable around students who are a different race than myself?
- Am I comfortable with allowing various forms of arguments (rational, fact-based, emotional, experience-based) to be voiced in my classroom?
- Are the assignments and tests I create based on my own cultural frame of reference?

Explore more questions like these at Harvard University’s Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning’s website:  
http://isites.harvard.edu/fs/html/icb.topic58474/TFTrace.html