



VIDEO SUMMARY

Monsoon Semester 04: Invisible Backpacks

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A late scholarship. "But originally?" "What was your rank?" None of it shows up on a class list. Kamala makes project groups by hand, mixing hostels, home states and schools, and learns to say every name the way the student's family says it.

Students carry financial, social and identity-related pressures that may not be visible in classroom performance. They can expose private information, reinforce hierarchies and make students feel that their belonging needs justification. Deliberate grouping can broaden contact and reduce the repeated exclusion that may arise when groups always choose themselves.

It respects the student's own identity and avoids treating an unfamiliar name as an inconvenience. Do not imply that students must prove they deserve a place or disclose personal circumstances to receive respect.

In practice: Stop asking students for their ranks or categories. Learn to pronounce every name on your roll.