


Join the X-Men! Critical Creative Character – Race & Gender Stereotypes

As your final project, you will create your own X-Men character. You will choose some aspect or intersection of your own identity (race, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, body type, personality type or trait, medical condition, etcetera) and create an appropriate mutant/superhero identity to represent that identity. Your character will have:

- a superhero alter-ego name
- a mutant superpower
- a category of hero, antihero, or villain, and why
- a backstory/origin story
- an appearance which includes an actual image (drawn by you, a friend, or created through a source like heroized.com, marvelhq.com/create-your-own-super-hero, superherotar.framiq.com/, charactercreator.org, etc) – this will be submitted both with the rest of the assignment AND via email
- a note about how this hero represents or is a metaphor for your identity
- a casting decision about what actor would play this character in a future X-Men film *and why* (and no, you can't cast yourself)

Name:	Storm	
Power:	Controls the weather	
Category:	Hero	
Story:	Born Ororo Munroe to a tribal princess of Kenya and an African-American photojournalist father, Storm is raised in Harlem and Cairo. Descended from a long line of African witch-priestesses, Storm is able to control the weather. Orphaned in the midst of an Arab–Israeli conflict, she suffers from trauma that includes claustrophobia.	
Appearance:	Black with white hair, a black costume with a wing-like cape that allows her to fly on air currents she controls, electricity reflects in her eyes	
Representation:	I suffer from severe claustrophobia, a mental illness, and so does Storm. The fact that her power is based out-of-doors reinforces her innate claustrophobia.	
Actor:	Halle Berry	

-brief example, you will want to develop yours, especially regarding the category, representation, and actor, further-