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My name is Noblejot, I live in California. I attend Clovis North High School in Clovis Unified School District. I am currently in the 11th grade.

As a Sikh high schooler I feel like an excluded figure in the classroom. We read about German and Irish immigrants, Native American figureheads, Latino revolutionaries, Asian Emperors and African American idols. Yet with all this diversity, my community fails to be addressed within the classroom.

This lack in education leads to other students questioning the importance of my history. I have received remarks about the "Khanda" (the main symbol of Sikhism) in which students recognize it as Star Wars. I have been told that Sikh history within America and India is not significant in "the grand scheme of things" from my peers from a conversation. Even my world history class failed to properly mention Sikhism and its major influence in India, let alone America, as all of Sikhism's influence is crammed in a few bullet points.

I wish for Sikhs, like myself, to have the same place as other ethnicities in our classrooms. At least then my history will be significant in "the grand scheme of things".