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Guided Reading Activity 4-4

Gender Roles and Differences

For use with textbook pages 116-122

Directions: Filling in the Blanks Use your textbook to fill in the blanks using the words in the box.

aggression	"Women Are From Venus, Men Are From Mars."	communication	psychoanalytic
androgynous		identity	role
biological		inequality	serotonin
careers		prejudiced	stereotypes

Gender Roles

One's physical and biological makeup are known as one's gender 1 identity. One's gender 2 role is defined by both one's physical makeup and by the culture in which one lives.

When societies make rigid definitions of appropriate male and female roles, they create gender 3 stereotypes. These attitudes are 4 prejudiced opinions. To avoid these attitudes, psychologist Sandra Bem has proposed a(n) 5 androgynous role that is a flexible combination of traditionally male and female characteristics.

Gender Differences

A primary difference between genders is 6 aggression, which is commonly defined as hostile or destructive behavior. Studies of identical twins indicate that boys have lower levels of 7 serotonin, which has been associated with increased aggressive behavior. Differences between males and females also commonly occur in 8 communication styles.

Origins of Gender Differences

The 9 biological theory of gender role development emphasizes the role of anatomy, hormones, and brain organization. The 10 psychoanalytic theory emphasizes identification with the same-sex parent. Other theories emphasize social and cognitive development.

Changing Gender Roles

Before the 1960s, few women in the United States sought 11 careers. Today most women have jobs outside the home. Industrial and organizational psychologists study 12 inequality in the workplace.

Lance's Theory:

- less divorce
- less affairs
- better childhood
- less home stress

- better nutrition

On Board!

Man Vs. Woman Roles?

Differences  
Males - more confident  
- talk more

There are very few cognitive gender differences!

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