

Objective:

Students will explain how a lack of understanding and acceptance can lead to harmful situations related to gender and gender stereotypes.

7th Grade Gender
Stereotypes

Family Life Rules

1. Respect the feelings of others.
2. Use correct vocabulary (no slang words)
3. Do not ask questions in order to show off or embarrass others.
4. If you have a serious question that you do not want to ask in class, write it and put it in the question box.
5. Do not tell personal stories.
Always say "I know someone who..."
6. Respect the privacy of everyone in class, including the teacher.
7. Do not share information (including worksheets) with younger children.
8. Do not discuss information in a crude or joking manner inside or outside of the classroom.

Warm Up



LIST YOUR FAVORITE:

- Movie
- Book
- Childhood Toy
- Color
- Activity/Interest

Vocabulary

Gender

A social construct based on emotional, behavioral, and cultural characteristics attached to a person's assigned biological sex. A person's social and/or legal status as male or female.

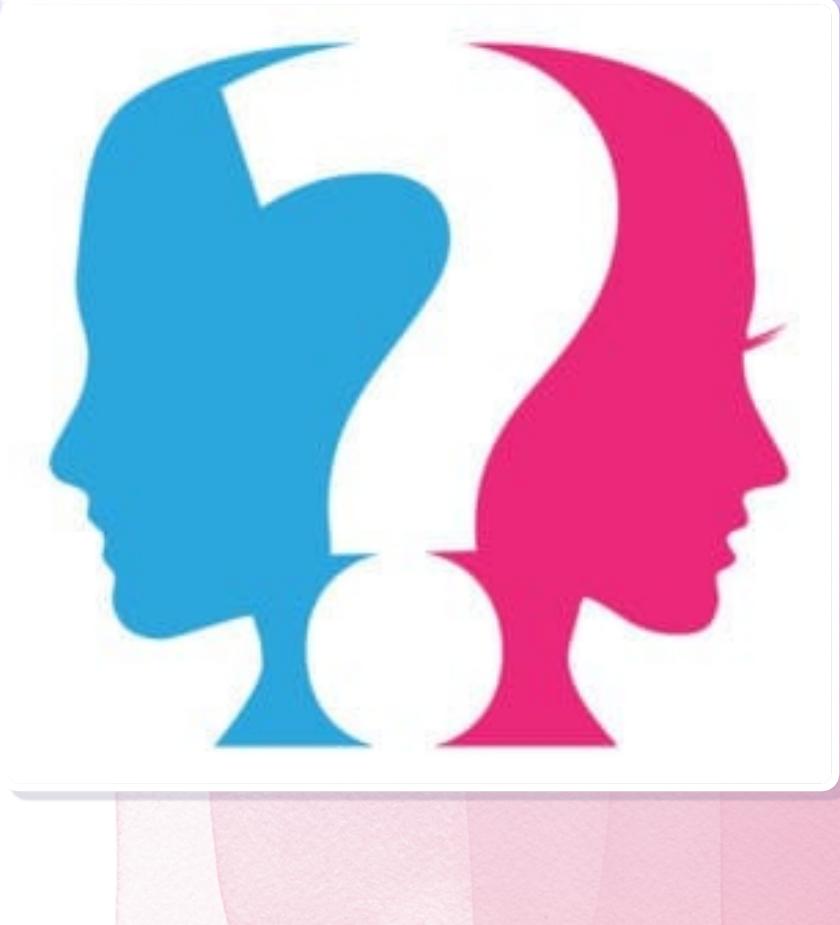
Stereotype

An exaggerated and oversimplified belief about an entire group of people, such as an ethnic or religious group or a gender.



Male & Female Stereotypes

- How are boys and girls "supposed" to behave?
- What are they supposed to like/dislike?
- How are they supposed to look, think, feel, and act?
- What are they supposed to be good at/bad at?



Video: Redraw the Balance

While watching the video, think about how gender stereotypes influence our views. How can this be harmful?

“ Redraw The Balance



Video Discussion Questions

- How did the students feel once the guests revealed their identities?
- Do you think it was easy or difficult for students to change their perspectives? Explain.
- What can we do to help break down stereotypes?



Male & Female Stereotypes

- What were some of the stereotypes that you came up with in your groups?
- Did any of them make you feel self conscious as your group was creating them?



Scenario Analysis

Work in your groups
to analyze the given
scenario and answer
the questions.



Stereotypes Review

- Stereotypes can make people feel trapped or boxed in
- Sometimes people may fit into gender stereotypes, but almost all of us have something that makes us different and unique.
- What is something that makes you different and unique?

Closure Exit Ticket



Is it easy or difficult to view gender roles in a different way? Explain. How is this accepted within our society?

What are several ways changing gender roles have affected male and female relationships? Think about how roles have changed in the workplace, within families, and in social settings.