#13 Journal 5/21 (B Day 5/22)

How has being male or female affected your life?
How do you think your life would be different if you were born the opposite sex?
Explain
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Sex vs Gender

**Sex**
- Biological characteristics that define men and women
  - Chromosomes
  - Sex Organs
  - Sex Cells
- Objective/Scientific criteria
- Male and Female

**Gender**
- Social and cultural category refers to socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities that a given society considers appropriate for men and women.
- Social criteria
- Masculine and Feminine
Boy Toys vs Girl Toys

In your notebook
Make a short list of what are generally considered boy toys and a list of what are generally considered girl toys.

What was your favorite toy growing up?
Boy Toys vs Girl Toys

In your notebook

How might the toys children play with affect their understanding of gender norms and identity?
In your notebook
Have you ever been told to “act like a man”?
What was the context?
What does it mean to act like a man

Have you ever been told to “act like a lady”?
What was the context?
What does it mean to “act like a lady”
Gender Boxes
### Traditional Gender Stereotypes.

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<th>Masculine.</th>
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<td>Not aggressive.</td>
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<td>Dependent.</td>
<td>Independent.</td>
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<td>Easily influenced.</td>
<td>Not easily influenced.</td>
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<td>Submissive.</td>
<td>Dominant.</td>
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<td>Passive.</td>
<td>Active.</td>
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<td>Home-oriented.</td>
<td>Worldly.</td>
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<td>Easily hurt emotionally.</td>
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<td>Gentle.</td>
<td>Tough.</td>
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<td>Sensitive to other's feelings.</td>
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<td>Very desirous of security.</td>
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<td>Blunt.</td>
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<td>Nurturing.</td>
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What gender stereotype (role, behavior, action) does not apply to you?

Is it a conscious choice? Do you feel guilt/shame?

What are societies responses to you for not fulfilling that specific gender expectation?
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Family

• Different strategies for raising boys and girls
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Peers

• Friendships and relationships strengthen gender roles in society through behavior and activities
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Culture and Religion

• Gender roles vary depending on cultural norms and religious guidelines
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Media

• Media represents what we are supposed to look like