



Sharing the Power of Learning

Conversation Curriculum

Gender Roles

Learning Objective: Students will be able to express their opinions about what roles are appropriate for men and women and discuss them with other students in a supportive, non-judgmental environment.

Before class: Review lesson plan and packet content. Make copies as necessary.

- Grab 3 paper cups for 'They do' activity
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15 minutes **Warm-up activity:** Lay out several copies of a picture story of woman going to work while husband stays at home (Comment on lesson: Where is the picture story??)

- Students will pair up or work in groups to put the picture story in order and discuss what is going on.

10 minutes **I do/ We do activity:** Ask student what happens in the story, model the sequence language. (What happens first? What happens second? What happens next? Then what happens? What happens last?)

- **Teacher:** Pass out the set of pictures for 'They do'
- Model 'They do' with class by writing a question and answering it.

20 minutes **They do activity:** "Coffee Talk"

- **Teacher:** set out paper cups and put set of conversation questions into each cup. Separate by level.

- Students pair up, pull out question, pose to their partners and answer the question themselves

**Teacher may facilitate by joining in student conversations, posing follow-up questions, and clearing up any misunderstandings that occur.*

10 – 15 minutes **Journal Writing:** *Students write in their dialog journal about one of the four options:*

- Respond to the teacher’s response (i.e. continue the ‘dialog’ from the last entry)
- Introduce yourself to the teacher (for new students)
- Free write about a topic of your choice
- How are men and women different? Do these differences matter?

Should women serve in the military? Why or why not?

Can boys and girls play with the same toys? Why or why not?

Should women be involved in politics? Why or why not?

Should women go hunting? Why or why not?

Should women go to college? Do they need to?

Who should do which chores at home?

At what age should women get married? At what age should men get married? Do people need to be married to live together?

Should women work outside the home?

Are there jobs that are better for men?

Are there jobs that are better for women?

Are men and women good at taking care of children? Are men better at taking care of children? Are women better at taking care of children?

Name something that is only for men. Why is it for men?

Name something that is only for women. Why is it for women?

What should a mother teach a daughter?

What should a mother teach a son?

If men and women are in a family together, does it matter who has a job? Is it better for women to have a job? Is it better for men to have a job?

Women Veterans



Female Politician



Boys and Girls



Female Soldier



Men and Laundry



Washing Dishes



Men Cooking



Men and House Chores

