

# IT'S A HUMAN THING

Culture and gender often play a big part in how human beings conduct their lives. Pretend that you are discussing your views with someone you've met only recently. Carry on an imaginary conversation with this person by answering the questions below:

1. Based upon your culture and gender, how do you see the world around you?
2. How do your views impact on the way you live and interact with other people?
3. What do people expect of you based upon the values you have been taught? Are their expectations tied to your gender?
4. To what extent does the world change your point of view, your attitude, and your behavior?



5. Does being human outweigh age, race, culture, gender, or ethnicity in how people should treat each other? Explain.

6. Are you prone to imitating negative behaviors and destructive images for the sake of popularity or acceptance? Or do you think for yourself?

7. Does the fact that all human beings experience the same kinds of emotional responses to violence, illness, joy, embarrassment, peace, and so on provide a basis for interracial harmony?



Complete one of the related worksheets, "It's a Female Thing" or "It's a Male Thing." In each category, write at least four specific things that are EXPECTED of YOU as a female or male in society.