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Vocabulary Marital Roles Student Worksheet

Primary Vocabulary

1. Equalitarian:

2. Traditional:

3. Feminism:

4. Gender bias:

5. Role:

6. Marital Role:

Supplementary Vocabulary

7. Sex and Gender Role Stereotyping:

8. Gender stereotypes:

Vocabulary Marital Roles Teacher Key

- 1. Equalitarian:** Being an equalitarian couple does not mean that the couple does everything together or at the same time. The equalitarian philosophy means that the division of labor is equal but is not necessarily traditional.
- 2. Traditional:** For many years, roles in marriage were defined as masculine or feminine. That division of labor is what we will call traditional. In today's society this means that the division of labor is most often NOT equal.
- 3. Feminism** comprises a number of social, cultural and political movements, theories and moral philosophies concerned with gender inequalities, and equal rights for women.
- 4. Gender bias** different treatment because of gender: unfair difference in the treatment of men or women because of their sex
- 5. Role:** specific function: the usual or expected function of somebody or something, or the part somebody or something plays in an action or event.
- 6. Marital Role:** The part or function each partner plays in the marriage.
- 7. Sex and Gender Role Stereotyping:** Sex and gender stereotyping could be classified as a single idea. Although sex is usually defined as a person's biological traits, gender is defined as how a person identifies themselves to the world. Gender relates to those affectations that are attributed to men and those affectations that are attributed to women. It is important to understand that in this discussion it requires a social structure that tends to enforce a binary sex and gender role based on a person's biological characteristics.

Gender stereotypes are those ideas, usually imposed by society of what is expected of men and women in the social structure. Men are expected to be tough, unfeeling, insensitive, combative, the owner or ruler of the home. Other traits associated with men are assertive, risk takers.

Women are expected to be the nurturers, caregivers, demure, polite, and the family homemaker.

Much of this discussion goes parallel to the discussion on gender roles because they primarily impact people in a negative way. Such as the view that all women are weak and that all men are strong. This is definitely affected by our biology but is not true in all cases. There are men that have physically very little strength and there are women that physically strong by comparison.

