**Reflections on Gender**

1. What are some of your earliest memories of knowing what gender you were? How did you know? What did you think that meant you were supposed to be or do?
2. Have you ever had any conflicts with your parents, your peers, or even within yourself about gender roles, “rules” or expectations? How did these conflicts play out? If they were resolved, how did that happen? If they weren’t, what is still left hanging?
3. How has your sense of gender changed over time?
4. Who do you think has had the biggest impact on your sense of gender? Your family? Friends? The media? Culture?
5. How have any of the following influenced your gender experience:
   1. Your racial identity
   2. Your religion
   3. Your culture
   4. Your neighborhood
   5. How rich or poor your family is
   6. The country you or your parents were born in
6. How have attitudes toward gay and lesbian people affected your gender story?
7. What are some of the things you like most about being your gender? What are some of the things you like least?
8. Have you ever felt like you didn’t fit in the traditional gender boxes or been told you weren’t being the “right” kind of girl or guy?
9. How is your experience of gender different from the experience of your parents’ or grandparents’ generation? What would you like people older than you to understand?
10. If you could “do gender” any way you wanted, what would you do?