

**Name:**  
**Senior Religion**  
**Date:**  
**Sexual Identity Discussion**

*To answer individually...*

1. How does your culture and society shape your sexual identity as you grow up?
  
2. When is your sexual identity formed?

*For the following questions, please consider cultural/societal/religious as well as biological factors.*

3. What does it mean to be a man?
  
4. What does it mean to be a woman?
  
5. How have your perceptions of these roles changed over your lifetime?
  
6. What are the most important things you believe contribute to authentic masculinity?
  
7. What are the most important things you believe contribute to authentic femininity?
  
8. Do you have unanswered questions about sexual identity?

With your teacher and the class...

**Gender Distinctions (please list)**

<b>Stereotypical Feminine Traits</b>	<b>Stereotypical Masculine Traits</b>

**Some Definitions:**

Homosexual:

Gay:

Lesbian:

Bisexual:

Transsexual:

Transgender:

Cross Dresser:

**Possible Causes/Explanations: Primary perspectives in the Christian community:**

1. Some believe homosexuality is a *perversion*, plain and simple.
2. Some believe homosexuality is a *complex sin*—like alcohol dependency.
3. Some believe homosexuality is a *consequence of environment or circumstance*—based on influences or life-defining experiences.
4. Some believe homosexuality is a *biological abnormality*—a mutant gene.
5. Some believe homosexuality is a *normal genetic trait*—like blonde hair.
6. Some believe homosexuality is a *lifestyle choice*—like voting Republican.

**What does the Bible Say?**

Genesis:

Leviticus:

Paul to the Romans:

Paul to the Corinthians:

**Nature? Nurture? Or both? What factors contribute to our sexual identity?**

1. Genetic makeup
2. Life Experiences (past and present)
3. Our families
4. Religious/Spiritual life and convictions

**What do you think about gay “marriage?”**