

Week 5 Discussion: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Identity

Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 9, 10
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 outside scholarly source

Initial Post Instructions

The lesson and textbook readings for this week emphasize that race, ethnicity, and gender are all social constructs. For the initial post, address the following:

- Compare and contrast what is meant by the social construction of race with what is meant by the social construction of ethnicity and what is meant by the social construction of gender.
- How or why is it beneficial to view these as social constructs?
- For you personally, are your racial, ethnic, and/or gender identities more matters of how you view yourself or of how others view you? Please explain.
- In what ways is how you view yourself influenced by the larger society and culture?

Follow-Up Post Instructions

Respond to at least two peers or one peer and the instructor. Further the dialogue by providing more information and clarification and/or include perspectives from outside scholarly sources shared in the discussion forum by classmates and/or the instructor.