gender (n) A complex topic worth exploring. Gender education may lead to gender freedom and fun.

the GENDER book

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Welcome to the GENDER booklet, a handbook of essential excerpts from the GENDER book. The full version (available free online) is a colorful and concise resource on many gender-related topics. It's a Gender 101 for anyone and everyone!
(or the lack thereof) is part of a person’s identity. Specific attributes can be gendered like behavior, voice, clothing, haircut, and social roles.

These can be thought of as masculine, feminine, androgynous, ambiguous, neutral, or any combination of the above (and more!).

We get messages about what it means to be masculine or feminine from our society. These change over time and differ from one culture to the next.
Bodies are one example of a thing that can be gendered. This distinction is often referred to as one’s biological sex. Sex can be thought of as one aspect of a person’s gender.

The physical structure of a person’s internal and external reproductive organs, chromosomes and hormones.

**Intersex** - An individual whose sex characteristics, including chromosomes, hormones, genitalia, etc., are not exclusively masculine or feminine.
What does transgender mean? What do all these different identities have in common?
An element of crossing over or challenging binary gender roles or expectations.
Gender binary
The idea that there are only two genders: masculine + feminine.

Gender Spectrum
A continuum ranging from the extremely masculine to the extremely feminine, including also the infinite number of gendered states in between. More inclusive, but not exhaustive of all gender possibilities.

Cisgender
Individuals whose gender identity usually corresponds with the sex assigned to them at birth.

Transgender
Abbreviated as trans*
A term used to organize many different gender identities which have in common some element of crossing over or challenging the gender binary. See the "Transgender Umbrella."

Gender nonconforming/Gender variant
Refers to individuals whose behaviors or interests fall outside of what is considered typical for their sex (assigned at birth).

Transphobia
Fear or hatred of transgender people.
Drag King/Queen
A performance artist who uses gender as a medium for the purposes of art, entertainment, and sometimes education.

Crossdresser
Anyone who wears clothes of the opposite sex (as assigned at birth) without the gender identity of that sex for pleasure, self-expression or comfort.

Transsexual
Refers to an individual whose gender identity exists primarily in contradiction to the sex assigned at birth. There are varying facets of transsexual experience which can include: a social transition, a hormonal transition, a surgical transition, or a combination of the above.

Transgenderist
Refers to an individual who chooses not to undergo a surgical transition, a.k.a. a non-op transsexual.

Gender Identity
A person’s conception of their own gender.
ex: I’m masculine, andro, girly, butch, agender, femme, macho, sissy, etc.

Gender Expression
The performance of one's gender, especially how it is communicated to others through behavior, clothing, haircut, voice, and other forms of presentation.
How to BE RESPECTFUL of gender minorities (and all people generally)

certainly DO ...
get to know me!
educate yourself!
use my preferred pronouns!
respect my chosen name!

Please DON'T ...
out me as trans without my permission. ask what my name was “before.” make assumptions about me or my sexual orientation. ask me about my genitals.
Useful Information

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Hannah Snell (1723–1792)
was a British woman who disguised herself as a man and became a soldier.

Locals claim that she played a soldier even as a child. (footnote wiki)

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66 gender is not about what is between your legs. it is much more about what is between your ears. — anonymous survey response

The creators of the GENDER book seek to present information that is accurate and honoring. While this resource reflects an agreement of many community voices, we affirm that there is space for all readers to redefine terms and identify themselves as they see fit. Gender is beautifully diverse, and so are you!
The GENDER booklet is an annotated version containing the 6 most requested pages from the full gender book, which is a fun gender 101 for everyone!

what is gender? history, biological differences, kids & gender, gender v. sex, binary v. spectrum, transgender umbrella, masculine women, androgynous, feminine men, transsexuals, cross-dressers, drag kings & queens, intersex, gender-queer, allies, and more!