

The House on Mango Street: Modern Gender Issues in America

Directions: You will research one of the following gender issues in America by finding facts from reliable sources, checking the reliability of your facts across multiple sources, citing your sources, and presenting a focused summary of these facts in an unbiased journal article. You will then share your findings on America's continued gender issues by contributing your article to the class paper.

Possible Gender Issues for Research:

1. Violence Against Women
2. Childhood Marriage
3. Gender Pay Gap
4. Media Representation
5. Gendered Language
6. Double Standards

Project Steps:

Step 1: Select a gender issue topic for research

Step 2: Research the topic and find at least 3 reliable, thorough sources

Step 3: Take bullet-pointed notes on each source, writing each fact as a reworded, restructured paraphrase

Step 4: Organize your notes into 4 paragraphs

Paragraph 1: Lead that introduces the topic with 5 W's and uses an anecdote or summary technique

Paragraphs 2 & 3: Body of article that focuses on conveying facts in chronological or spatial order, developing claims with multiple facts from various sources

Paragraph 4: Conclusion that explains what this issue means for Americans and why all demographics should care about this issue

Step 5: Write rough draft of article

Step 6: Add charts, graphs, or other images that help convey your message

Step 7: Come up with a descriptive, yet creative title

Step 8: Proofread your article to check for bias – eliminate any biased language

Parts of Your Topic to Research:

Part 1: Introduce Issue

Define the issue/terms

Part 2: History of Issue

When did it originate?

What directly or indirectly created this issue?

What has changed/remained the same over the decades?

Part 3: Current State of Issue

What are the current statistics surrounding the issue?

What is being done to address this issue?

How have figures, actions, and policies impacted this issue?

Part 4: Educated Stance on Issue

Have lives actually improved or does it merely appear as though lives have improved?

How have current policies and legislation failed?

What should be done for this issue?

Modern Gender Issues in America Project Rubric

Content

Engaging, informative lead	_____/2 points
Clear structure and development of topic	_____/2 points
Accurate information	_____/5 points
Cited information from multiple, reliable sources	_____/4 points
Thorough examination of the topic	_____/6 points
Conclusion that examines the importance of the topic for all demographics	_____/4 points
Appropriate images that contribute to content	_____/2 points