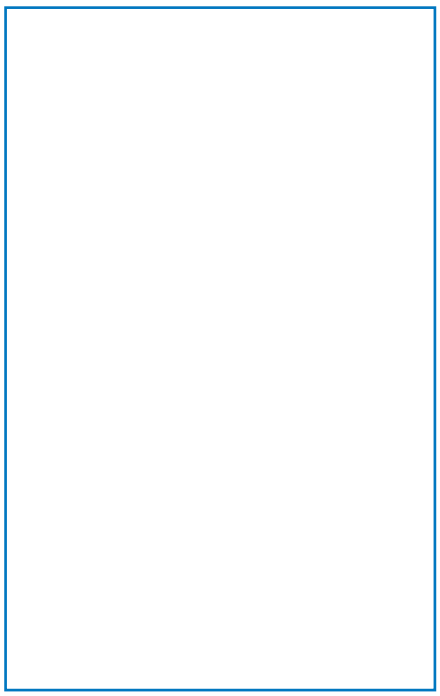
Thinking Outside the (Gender) Box



PROCEDURE:

STEP ONE:

“Go Fish” is a card game where the players are holding cards in their hands that the other players can’t see. The point is to get cards that match the cards you’re holding. So if I had a 4, I’d ask another player, “Do you have any 4s?” If they have a 4, they have to give it to me. If they don’t have a 4, they say, “Go Fish,” and I have to find my 4 someplace else – either by asking another player or picking a card.”

STEP TWO:

NOTE TO THE TEACHER: *If mobility is an issue for any of the students, invite them to remain where they are and have their classmates visit them to participate in the game.*

“Stereotyping people is wrong because it means we are making assumptions about them based on what we see on the outside. While we sometimes guess correctly – for example, when we see a person with long hair who identifies as female – we cannot then assume that all people with long hair identify as female, or that only girls can have long hair.

Gender stereotypes have also been used to limit people, mostly those who do not identify as cisgender boys or men. Can anyone think of examples of when they or someone they know were told they couldn’t do something because of their gender identity or expression?”