



November 2, 1948 -- Mandy Carter is born. Femmenoir.net says that Carter was raised in orphanages and foster care and describes her today as "one of the nation's leading African American lesbian activists."

November 6, 1658 - In Mexico, fourteen men are burned to death and one given 200 lashes after having been convicted of sodomy per 365gay.com, Gay Canada's national online daily newspaper. (That's "only" 345 years ago ... But think that executing people simply for being queer is a thing of the past or that it has happened only in other countries? Think again. On **November 30, 1624, in the Virginia Colony, Richard Cornish was hanged for sodomy.** His execution was the first of its kind to be recorded in the American colonies, according to the Public Broadcasting System. In January of 2002, three Saudi gay men were beheaded for their homosexuality – see http://www.thegully.com/essays/gaymundo/020104_saudi_gays_killed.html. In November of 2005, Iran publicly hung two men, ages 24 and 25, for homosexual conduct -- see <http://hrw.org/english/docs/2005/11/21/iran12072.htm>).

November 7, 2000 - The people of Oregon reject Measure 9, a proposal that would have outlawed any affirming discussion of gay or lesbian people in schools. Rejecting homophobia, they become one of the first states in which the voters themselves support the provision of accurate, unbiased education about sexual orientation.

November 13, 2008 - Mix It Up at Lunch Day is a simple call to action: take a new seat in the cafeteria. By making the move, students can cross the lines of division, meet new people and make new friends. Make a move and organize Mix It Up at Lunch Day in your school! Apply for a grant. Survey your school. **Start planning now:** <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/lunch.jsp?ttnewsletter=ttnewsgen-090908>

November 14, 1942 -- "[In] Germany, The SS (storm troops) informs **concentration camp commandants** that they are **free to sterilize** any of the **prisoners** under their control. The directive gives official approval to the practice, already instituted in some camps, of castrating males suspected of sexual attraction to other men." <http://www.aaronsgayinfo.com/timeline/Ftime40.html>

November 15, 1887 - American painter Georgia O'Keefe is born. A bisexual woman, O'Keefe is best known for her amazing oil paintings of flowers: <http://www.artchive.com/artchive/O/okeefe.html#images>

November 15, 1978 - Margaret Mead dies at age 76. Mead, who was bisexual, was perhaps the most famous anthropologist in the world at the time of her death. She helped the world to understand that gender roles differed from culture to culture. She once said, *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

November 17, 1960 - RuPaul is born RuPaul Andre Charles. He'll grow up to be an entertainer of diva stature, perhaps the most famous drag queen in the world.

November 18, 2003 - The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court rules that the state's constitution guarantees equal marriage rights for same-sex couples, sparking a national wildfire of civil disobedience (the issuing of marriage licenses authorized by mayors and city councils in San Francisco, CA; Portland, OR; New Paltz, NY and Sandoval County, N.M.) and dozens of lawsuits in those and many other jurisdictions.

November 20, 1996 - The Ashland Wisconsin school district agrees to pay former student Jamie Nabozny \$900,000 in damages. * This nearly one-million-dollar settlement makes Jamie the first of a long string of students to successfully sue schools and school employees for failing to protect them from horrendous homophobic abuse. See



The Two Spirit Society of Denver: <http://www.denvertwospirit.com/>

Two Spirited People of the First Nations (Ontario): http://www.cfis.ca/x2_spirited.htm

Two-spirit Honor Project, exploring how native culture and spirituality impact coping and health among urban two-spirit natives: 1-866-685-0164,

<http://www.honorproj.com/studysites.html>. Study sites include:

- National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC), San Francisco/Oakland
- United American Indian Involvement (UAI), Los Angeles
- Indigenous People’s Task Force (IPTF), Minneapolis/St. Paul
- American Indian Community House (AICH), New York City
- University of Washington School of Social Work, Seattle

The Two-Spirit Tradition in Native American Experience:

<http://www.androphile.org/preview/Culture/NativeAmerica/amerindian.htm>

Utopia Hawaii, <http://keliwai.50g.com/index1.htm>



(5) Books, Lesson Plans and Curricula (K-12) for teaching about gender

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:

- **Teaching ESL/EFL Students to Recognize Gender Bias in Children’s Literature:** <http://iteslj.org/Articles/Kuo-GenderBias.html>

PRE-K & ELEMENTARY:

- **Francine’s Bad Hair Day Episode #101**, from the Arthur Series on PBS, examines how media affects feelings toward body image and gender stereotypes: www.tc.pbskids.org/arthur/parentsteachers/lesson/medialiteracy/pdf/print_badhairday.pdf
- **Gender Doesn’t Limit You!** a six-lesson free online curriculum proven to counteract gender bullying in the early grades from Teaching Tolerance: <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/activities/activity.jsp?ar=841&tnewsletter=ttnewsgen-092707>
- **Anti-Bias Curriculum: Tools for Empowering Young Children**, book (really not a curriculum, per se) for early childhood educators – 1989, L. Derman-Sparks and the ABC Task Force of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. ISBN: 093598920X. Activity ideas, though not “lesson plans” per se, and background for educators re: such issues as gender roles and family diversity for Pre-K and Kindergarten
- **Nontraditional gender roles in children’s literature:** <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~mjoseph/childlit/nontrad.htm#nontrad>
- **I Could Do That: Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote** (\$59.95 DVD), by Linda Arms White, is the true story of Esther Morris, who worked with politicians to gain women the right to vote. She became the first female judge and the first woman in the United States to hold a political office. The book comes with a downloadable study guide. (Grades 3-6) Item WDVD692, ISBN# 978-0-439-90569-5, Weston Woods, (800) 243-5020
- **The Sissy Duckling** by Harvey Fierstein. **BOOK:** For ages 4-8, 40 pages. Simon & Schuster, 2002, ISBN 0-689-83566-3. **FILM:** HBO Children’s Special, 39 minutes, VHS 1997, features the voices of Harvey Fierstein, Ed Asner, Andy Dick, Kathy Najimy and Melissa Etheridge. Available from Amazon starting at \$0.28
- **Girls Can Be Plumbers?** – a free downloadable lesson from Teaching Tolerance: <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/activities/activity.jsp?ar=801>

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- **Appreciating the Men of Ballet: lesson plan from PBS**, the Public Broadcasting System: http://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/education/plan_btbw_overview.html

- **Introduction to Gender Identity and Gender Expression**, a free lesson plan from Advocates for Youth's Creating Safe Space for GLBTQ Youth: A Toolkit: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/lessonplans/genderidentity.htm>
- **When I Was a Boy**, song from the "Honesty Room" (1993) album by Dar Williams. A beautiful song about the absurdity, limitations and alienation of rigid gender roles. A lovely surprise ending, and great discussion starter. Available at any music store.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

- **Relationships, Day 2: Gender Identification** - from the *F.L.A.S.H. (Family Life And Sexual Health)* curriculum for secondary special education classes, this lesson offers guidance for teachers with gender variant special ed students. http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthServices/health/personal/famplan/educators/%7e/media/health/publichealth/documents/famplan/SE_L4.ashx

HIGH SCHOOL:

- **GRANDMOTHER OF 6: Media Portrayals of Gender in Politics**, an online lesson plan by Jeff Sapp, Teaching Tolerance. <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/activities/activity.jsp?ar=800>
- **Gender Talk: Exploring Media Messages about Gender Norms**, an online lesson plan from GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network: <http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/educator/library/record/1277.html>
- **She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders**, J.F. Boylan, 2003. ISBN: 076791404X. A memoir of a man named James who became a woman named Jenny. As the book jacket says, "[Bouillon] explores the remarkable territory that lies between men and women, examines changing friendships and rejoices in the redeeming power of family." NY: Broadway Books. \$24.95
- **Just Call Me Kade**, 26-minute film tells the true story of a transgender teen Kade (formerly "Kate") Farlow Collins from Tucson, Arizona. 2001. Ordering info: http://www.mediarights.org/film/just_call_me_kade
- **Gender Variance**, an online lesson plan from Press for Change: www.pfc.org.uk/files/Lesson_Plan-Gender_Variance.pdf
- **Q & A on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**, an online lesson plan from Advocates for Youth's "Creating Safe Space for GLBTQ Youth: A Toolkit": <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/lessonplans/orientationidentity.htm>
- **"Beyond the Binary: A Tool Kit for Gender Identity Activism in Schools"**: from the Gay-Straight Alliance Network/Tides Center, Transgender Law Center and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. *Beyond the Binary* is an informative, nuts-and-bolts manual that will help students and allies fight for gender justice. The manual features compelling personal accounts of gender identity and its complexity at home and in school. Student activists will find legal advice, community resources, and organizing strategies such as tips for organizing the Transgender Day of Remembrance. The manual will help students, teachers, and advocates to create safer school environments where gender equity is realized and affirmed. Download a copy here: <http://www.gsanetwork.org>

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(6) Quotes from openly LGBT and/or two-spirit indigenous people and heterosexual indigenous allies to inspire students' journaling

"I have noticed that as soon as you have soldiers the story is called history. Before their arrival it is called myth, folktale, legend, fairy tale, oral poetry, ethnography. After the soldiers arrive, it is called history."

- Paula Gunn Allen

*"You know, as an artist, it's not my job to fit in; it's not my job to belong. I'm not a social worker; I'm not a therapist. It's my job to beat the s*** out of the world. I'm not here to make people feel*



good... So you're always battling the basic human need to be loved and accepted. That's always the conflict with the artistic need to challenge the world."

-- Sherman **Alexie**

"My only regret about being gay is that I repressed it so long. I surrendered my youth to the people I feared when I could have been out there loving someone. Don't make that mistake yourself. Life's too damn short."

-- Armistead **Maupin**



(7) Quotes from other openly LGBT folks to inspire students' journaling

"Look back, to slavery, to suffrage, to integration and one thing is clear. Fashions in bigotry come and go. The right thing lasts."

-- Anna **Quindlen**

"What the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as its promise."

-- Congresswoman Barbara **Jordan**

"You can hurt me. You can hate me, but do it because you know me, not because I'm a member of a group. Anyways, people aren't grapes --- you can't weigh them in a bunch, but I guess it's easier than dealing with people as individuals. There, I've solved the riddle of prejudice: it saves time."

-- author, Rita Mae **Brown**

"The reward for conformity was that everyone liked you except yourself."

-- Rita Mae **Brown**

"No government has the right to tell its citizens when or whom to love. The only queer people are those who don't love anybody."

-- Rita Mae **Brown**

"I believe in not being put into 'either/or' -- instead, I choose 'and.'"

-- Mandy **Carter**, black lesbian social justice activist and co-founder of the National Black Justice Coalition, explaining that she doesn't have one identity that trumps all her other identities

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."

-- Euro-American anthropologist, Margaret **Mead**

"If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so we weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place."

-- Margaret **Mead**

"It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union.... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less."

-- Susan B. **Anthony** (Was she lesbian? Well, the term hadn't been coined at that point, but see this perspective: http://www.glbtc.com/social-sciences/anthony_sb.html)



