

AP Human Geography

Chapter 5, Identity: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality

1. What is identity, and how is it constructed?
2. Why is identifying against other people often used, and give some examples?
3. What is the technical definition of a state, and why is state nationalism such a powerful identifier?
4. What is "race", and how has this category changed as an identifier?
5. What is the definition of racism, and what are the roots of this concept?
6. What is the difference between race and ethnicity?
7. What does the term Hispanic mean? Why did the government come up with this classification for the 1970 census?
8. How do geographers today view identities?
9. How is ethnicity influenced by scale and place? Give examples.
10. What is the difference between space and place? Give examples of both.
11. Describe the recent trend of women in the workforce on a global scale.
12. What areas of the world have high rates of gender inequality? Which ones have especially high rates? (use the map on p. 147)
13. Why is it that there is a gender spatial distribution imbalance in sub-Saharan Africa?
14. Describe the raw deal women get in sub-Saharan Africa.
15. What are some reasons for optimism on the women's rights front in Africa?
16. Explain why dowry deaths occur in India. Also, although they make headlines, give data that shows it is actually quite limited as a practice.
17. Why are there a lot fewer girls than boys ages 0-6 in India?
18. Take a look at the map on p. 148-149. Describe how the U.S. compares to other parts of the world in terms of women in the legislature.