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“Willful Woman” & “Cool Girl”^t

Gender in Wuthering Heights and The Hunger Games



The Novels

- *The Hunger Games*
 - 2008 by Suzanne Collins
 - YA dystopia trilogy
 - Kids fight to the death on TV



- *Wuthering Heights*
 - 1847 by Emily Brontë
 - Victorian Gothic
 - Lives around the Heights



Why these two novels?

Wuthering Heights



- 1st person point of view
- Female author
- Women act “masculine”
- Leave home become more “feminine”
- Mix “masculine” and “feminine”
- Become revolutionary
- Love triangle

The Hunger Games



Catherine Earnshaw

- Ghost haunts the Heights
- Upper class
- Spiteful, violent
- Marries Edgar Linton
- Has daughter Cathy



Kayla Scodelario 2012



Kate Bush 1978

- “Come in! come in!” he sobbed. “Cathy, do come! Oh, do- *once* more!
Oh! My heart’s darling! Hear me *this* time, Catherine, at last!” *Wuthering Heights* pg. 36

Katniss Everdeen

- Poor and starving
- Hunts in the woods
- Volunteers as tribute
- Wins Hunger Games
- Starts revolution

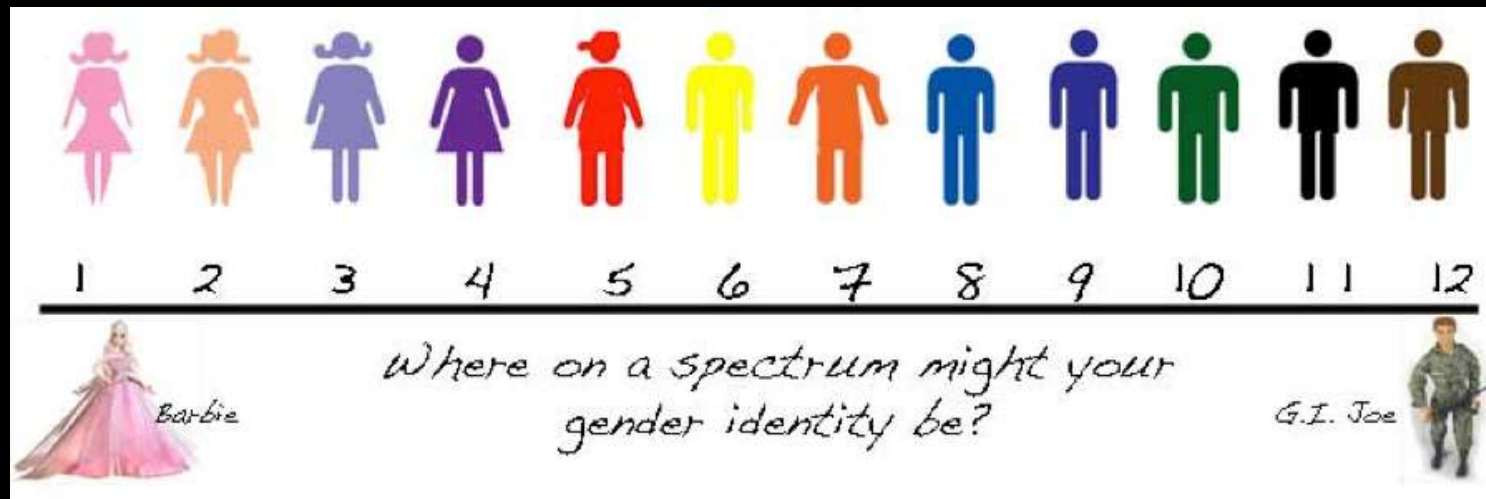


Jennifer Lawrence
"Mockingjay Pt. 1" 2014

- "I volunteer!" I gasp. "I volunteer as tribute!" *The Hunger Games* pg. 22

What is gender?

- Essentialism vs. Constructionism
- “Born this way” vs. “Product of your culture”
- A series of per formative acts- Judith Butler *Gender Trouble* 1990
- Gender is a spectrum



Are Catherine & Katniss gender queer?

- “Act like a dude, looks like a supermodel” - Anne Helen Petersen “Jennifer Lawrence and the History of Cool Girls” 2014 buzzfeed.com

- Identifies with close male friend

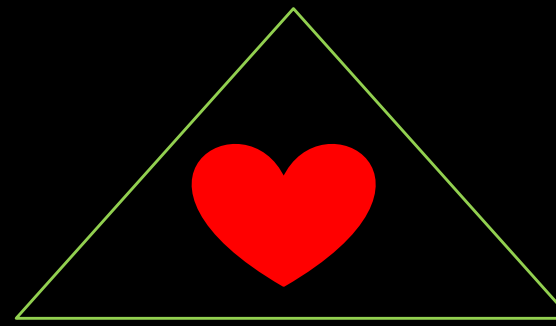


- Pressured to act more “feminine”



- Mixes both traits

The love triangle



Gale/Heathcliff

- Brother like
- Masculine
- Violent
- Cathy/Katniss NOT romantically attracted to him



Edgar Linton/Peeta

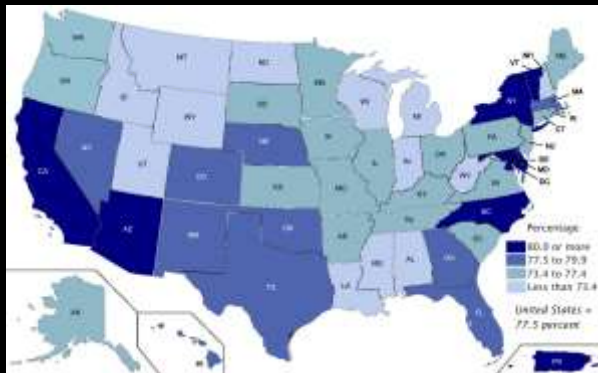
- Vulnerable
- Feminine
- She protects him
- Cathy/Katniss end up with him



Real world applications

- Women still feel pressures to act “masculine,” look appealing
- Compulsory (monogamous) heterosexuality
- Women earn \$0.64 cents for every \$1 an man makes in Wyo.

-2014 AAUW “The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap”



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