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**Outline Guide For TOK Oral Presentation (For One or Two People)**

This should be done prior to completing the TOK Presentation Planning Document. After completing this outline, you should be able to copy & paste and/or summarize text written here to that document.

**INTRODUCTION:**

*Our main Knowledge Question is:*

To what extent do gender roles define who we are and how does this impact our daily lives?

*The real life situation that got us thinking about our main Knowledge Question is (make the connection between the two very clear):*

As a child I always was in close contact with my grandmother since my mother always worked long hours. My grandmother is a simple woman with traditional values, values that I sometimes ponder as to why she believes in them to this day. Such as why does she always have to be the one to cook meals for her grown children that live with her. Or why she does all the laundry even if it’s not her clothes. Simple tasks such as these confused me as to why everyone just expects her to perform all these tasks. Why she has to do all the housekeeping. When I asked my grandmother why she does all this she told me how in Mexico she was raised with the belief that women were the ones who maintained the house and did all the chores so when the husbands and sons came home, they’d come home to a clean house with food on the table, so they could relax after a long day of work. Work that my grandmother said for a while she was not allowed to participate in because as she said “there was no place for a woman in the fields”. So learning more about the gender inequality my grandmother suffered it made me wonder how exactly these gender roles affect our lives and define who we are as a person.

**BODY:**

*Claims/Contrasting Claims/Different Perspectives on the main Knowledge Question:*

1. *FIRST Claim/Contrasting Claim/Different Perspective*

“Gender roles define and impact lives differently in different societies and cultures.”<https://othersociologist.com/sociology-of-gender/>

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*How is this claim supported by what we learned in the TOK textbook, classroom materials and activities, and class discussion? Be sure to cite sources.*

In out TOK text book it mentions how moral relativism is our values that are determined by the society that we grow up in and there are no universal values. Which ties to the argument for moral relativism;the diversity argument which basically says we think our culture and society is morally correct and everyone else's that is different is wrong and unacceptable. Which supports the above claim because in our society we do things that we think are okay but others from a different society make think we're horribly wrong and vice versa.

*What are examples and stories that can help illustrate this claim. Be sure to cite sources and not just have personal examples/stories (though it is fine to include some personal examples).*

For example in the United States there hasn’t been a single woman president and when Hillary Clinton was running for office many people made sexist remarks like how she was incapable of being president because as a woman her emotions would get in the way of her decision making. However in Germany their Chancellor Angela Merkel has been in office since 2005 disproving that a woman is incapable to assume the role of such a high ranking.

*How does learning about this claim help contribute to your understanding the main Knowledge Question and a possible response to it?*

By learning about this claim i was able to get further depth on how different gender roles affect people differently based on the environment that they grow up in and how my views can be drastically different for example from someone in Mexico that strongly believes a woman's place is below a man's while I a young outspoken woman such as myself would never accept that as even slightly true.

*How is this claim connected to your Real-Life Situation?*

This claim is connected to my real life situation because it shows how different cultures affect people in different ways for example i talk about mexican society in my situation and explore it from my more americanized perception.

2. *SECOND Claim/Contrasting Claim/Different Perspective*

“ God made for man a woman as a helpmate, someone who would meet his needs and he would meet hers. This is a Complementarian view of the male/female relationship that says while men and women are equally valuable (fully deserving of dignity and respect), they are designed with complementary purposes so that they might fulfill what the other lacks.”

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>

Religion such as Christianity impacts how gender is perceived due to the fact that many follow the belief that God made adam and eve with eve being the helpmate that would meet adams needs and he would meet hers in return. This complementarian view makes gender roles be perceived as more of a partnership that no gender is above the other but actually equally valuable designed with complementary purposes to fulfill what the other may lack.

**Counter claim:** the story of adam and eve can be seen as sexist because of the gender roles implicated upon the reason as to why eve was created and the way she is perceived as a temptress and the sole reason and to blame for the sin of mankind despite the fact that adam also did the same as her. And not to mention the fact that Eve was never forgiven by the church while adam received no equal responsibility or punishment for his actions.

*How is this claim supported by what we learned in the TOK textbook, classroom materials and activities, and class discussion? Be sure to cite sources.*

This claim is supported by what we learned in our tok textbook under the chapter religion and the paradox of change which contradicts the assumption that god is perfect because as god tried to guide eve to be the way he wanted her to be but she did what she wanted anyways,thus supporting the counterclaim that eve and Adam still are suspects to unfair gender roles due to the fact of how Adam and Eve received unequal punishment and responsibility.

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Consider Ephesians 5:22-24, the verse that the Southern Baptist Convention upholds but Carter disagrees with:“Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.”

“The holy bible:the new testament”

*How does learning about his claim help contribute to your understanding the main Knowledge Question and a possible response to it?*

I was able to learn about it's hard to not see religion and sexism hand in hand and how men and women are perceived and treated depends on the religion they follow since they are given these roles set upon them based on a book that was written so long ago.

*How is this claim connected to your Real-Life Situation?*

This claim is connected to my real life situation because my grandmother is traditionally catholic and also believes like many that Adam and Eve are a representation of what men and women should be like based on a complementarian view.

3. *THIRD Claim/Contrasting Claim/Different Perspective*

“Gender roles establish our identity. Gender roles are very important to society. Each and every person born on this earth is born with a specific purpose. Gender roles as males and females are very important as each has a responsibility of its own . Both male and females have some responsibility that specifically only male can do and same is true with females. Without gender roles there will be chaos all around not knowing what to do and what is our responsibility.”

*How is this claim supported by what we learned in the TOK textbook, classroom materials and activities, and class discussion? Be sure to cite sources.*

This is supported by what we learned in TOK textbook under the chapter perception and how it talked about expectations. As it states in the textbook “our expectations can also influence the way we see things”

*What are examples and stories that can help illustrate this claim. Be sure to cite sources and not just have personal examples/stories (though it is fine to include some personal examples).*

An example could be how society looks down on men who show their emotions like cry in public for example,they no longer see him as a man but as a wimp. Same as if a woman was to show no interest in emotions or maternal feelings then people would think there's something gravely wrong with her. Or another grand example would be children's toy stores like Toys R Us for example,the boy and girl sections are very obviously different where on the girl side there's all pink frilly toys like dolls makeup and even small versions of house cleaning tools where the boy sections has telescopes,construction tools,medical equipment and video games. These children are expected to stick with their corresponding side.

*How does learning about his claim help contribute to your understanding the main Knowledge Question and a possible response to it?*

Learningabout expectations helped me understand how gender roles define us greatly because we're always trying to meet these expectations to fit in. So these expectations have us even unknowingly, also setting upon gender roles on younger generations which as children define us and limit who we want to be,to what society says we should be.

*How is this claim connected to your Real-Life Situation?*

This connects to my real life situation because once my grandmother was married she was expected to change and submit to being the wife that my grandfather expected her to be no matter how miserable it made her.

4. *FOURTH Claim/Contrasting Claim/Different Perspective*

The law of comparative advantage makes some people believe that yes gender roles do define us but in a good way that's mutually beneficial for all parties.“ the law of comparative advantage is an economic principle states that it is always best for two parties to specialize (and then trade), even if one of the parties is better at producing every single good. Applied to families, this law dictates that the parents (men and women) ought to specialize into complementary, non-overlapping roles to the extent possible.”

*How is this claim supported by what we learned in the TOK textbook, classroom materials and activities, and class discussion? Be sure to cite sources.*

This claim is supported under the chapter reason and how people believe in that complementarian view follow a belief bias,meaning that they agree with gender roles and that they should exists because they agree with the conclusion that in the end all of us should just benefit from each other and fulfill what the other lacks.

*What are examples and stories that can help illustrate this claim. Be sure to cite sources and not just have personal examples/stories (though it is fine to include some personal examples).*

For example in a lot of heterosexual marriages they tend to marry not because the pair is truly deeply in love but because it's just more beneficial for each other because of things like bills,insurance policies,etc. by being together they can reap from benefits that unmarried they wouldn't be able to use like an unmarried couple can't put their partner on their health insurance in case something happens because they aren't married or related which you have to one or the other to put someone on your insurance.

https://www.google.com/amp/www.theknot.com/content/amphtml/benefits-of-marriage

*How does learning about his claim help contribute to your understanding the main Knowledge Question and a possible response to it?*

By learning about this claim I was able to better understand why some people think gender roles are a good thing because by following them it simplifies life since you're not always trying to battle haters and contradict every single little thing that gender roles say we can and can't do. So I was able to better grasp why someone would think yes gender roles do positively define us and why they would want to follow them.

*How is this claim connected to your Real-Life Situation?*

This connects back to my real life situation of my grandmother because she also found it much easier to just do whatever she was told to do and be because if she went against it she would be met with abuse so it was just easier for her to be submissive and play her role rather than be constantly fighting a losing battle.

**CONCLUSION:**

*What is your answer to your Main Knowledge Question and what implication does it have for your real-life situation and other real life situations?*  In conclusion I believe that gender roles define who we are in a way that the society we live in dictates what we can and can't do. For many people these gender roles make them afraid, they are scared to be outcasted for not following society's expectations so they conform into being someone that they don't necessarily want to be but find easier to play the role of the traditional woman or man because society is so quick to judge and shut down anyone who dares to contradict these traditional views no matter how unattainable or ridiculous they may be. And these standards made by society impacts our lives negatively because so many people live an oppressive life because they’re afraid to be different to be the black sheep, to live the life they actually want to live because the society they have grown up in has brainwashed them into believing what is and isn’t right. Which I noticed in my example of a real life situation, my grandmother was afraid to go against her husband, a husband she did not even want but married because my great grandmother made marry because the people in my grandmother's village has already seen them fooling around so she made them marry to avoid being gossiped about. My grandmother was a victim of oppressive gender roles,she did not get to live the life she wanted to avoid being outcasted.