

Summary Grid – “Growing Up Male or Female”

Paragraphs	Main Idea	Supporting Details
1	People learn their gender roles based on society's expectations.	Babies do not know their gender, but instead they learn how to behave and think.
2	Babies are treated differently based on their gender.	Girls: pink clothes, dolls as toys, handled gently, appearance is very important Boys: blue clothes, trucks & building blocks as toys, bounced around & lifted into the air
3	Children are socialized by their parents in different ways based on their gender (socialization: “the process of transferring values and standards of behavior to new members of a group so that they can fit into society”)	Girls: parents use words with feelings and emotions, by age 2 girls use these types of words more than boys do Mothers & fathers speak differently based on their socialization By age 4 children have learned how to imitate this behavior
4	Boys and girls learn different behaviors due to socialization.	Girls: ladylike, polite, quiet, rely on others, express emotions, learn importance of being pretty, relying on beauty Boys: behave like men, encouraged to be independent, strong, boys don't cry, try to be very masculine
5	Gender role socialization continues as children learn from their peers and continue to grow up.	Boys: play rough games, competitive, friendships based on physical ability
6 & 7	Parental expectations differ based on gender.	Girls: socialized to think about the family, given less freedom, need to be protected – discourages independence and exploration Boys: given more freedom, expected to be interested in the outside world, be independent
8	Gender-neutral parenting has become increasingly popular.	Encourage sons to express feelings, encourage daughters to be independent, Constant struggle against the gender socialization of the media, peers and school