



Teaching LGBTQ History

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Worksheet: Native American/First Nations Perspectives of Gender

After reading articles or viewing videos about two-spirit identities, compare and contrast the beliefs about gender traditionally held by some Native American people with those traditionally held in 'Western' or colonial cultures.

Native American Perspective	Western/Colonial Perspective

Summarize the two-spirit tradition and why it was discontinued in early America.

One article states: "The existence of two-spirit people challenges the rigid binary worldview of the North American colonizers and missionaries." What do you think this means?