

# English 101

## Essay #1: In-Class Draft

Essay Length: 500-750 words (2-4 handwritten pages)

### Background

Whether we agree with it or not, we all experience pressures based upon our gender, male or female. Sometimes people have different expectations of us because of gender—a man should never show his emotions, for instance; or, a woman should choose to remain at home tend to the home, rather than pursue a career. Other examples include, men are better at math and science; women are more sensitive and poetic.

Often these expectations or assumptions are based upon our background cultures and traditions.

### Topic

**Write an essay in which you describe how one traditional expectation of gender (male or female) has affected you.**

### Hints

1. Read the topic a couple of times and note what it requires you to do. Complete all the tasks of the assignment.
2. Take time to plan and organize your essay before you begin to write. (Scratch outlines are often quite helpful.)
3. Be sure to start with a clear main idea. (In other words, make sure you can answer this question: “What is the main point I want my readers to understand?”)
4. Make sure that you support or illustrate general points with specific examples and vivid details from your own experience and from the text (when appropriate).
5. Allow yourself enough time after writing to go back over your essay, check for errors or omissions, and make any necessary corrections.