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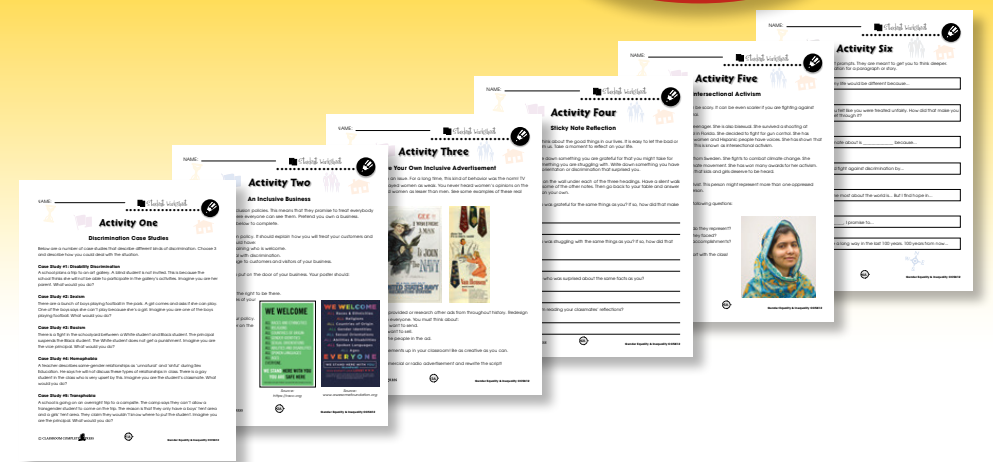
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Individuals Who Have Fought For Orientation-Related Rights

1. Match the advocate on the left to their description on the right.

1 Harvey Milk	Comedian who has fought for LGBTQ2S+ rights. A
2 Marsha P. Johnson	First openly gay elected politician in the USA. B
3 Ellen DeGeneres	Played an important role in the Stonewall Uprising. C

2. Think about the meaning of the word **advocate**. Do you think someone can be an advocate for just being themselves? Why or why not?

3. What is it that most LGBTQ2S+ advocates want for their community?

4. Think about the meaning of the word **norm**. How do advocates disrupt 'the norm'?



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4. What made Marsha P. Johnson an icon in the LGBTQ2S+ community?

5. Some people have suggested the need for a Straight Pride. Do you think there is a need for one? Why or why not?

Graphic Organizer

6. Use the graphic organizer on page 12 to compare the rights and privileges some people have.

Rights are things that we are entitled to. There are many rights that we take for granted. Some oppressed groups don't have the same rights as others. For example, some straight people might take the right to get married for granted. In some countries, gays can be put in jail or killed just for being themselves. Some men might take their safety for granted. Many women feel unsafe walking on their own at night or in unsafe areas. Privileges are not guaranteed. They are extra experiences or opportunities that only some people get.

Research rights in America. Using the table graphic organizer, list the rights that ALL people have on the left side. On the right side, list the privileges that only SOME people have.

Example:

RIGHTS	PRIVILEGES
• legally marry the person they love	• feel safe expressing their love in public



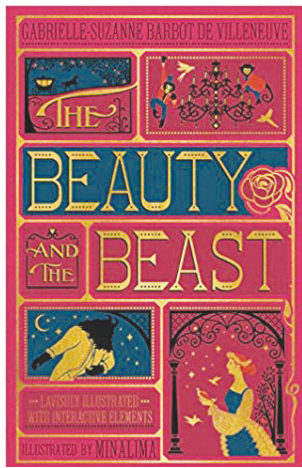
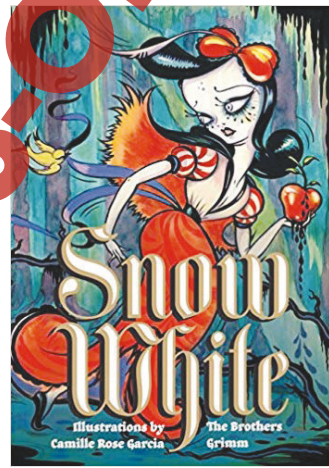
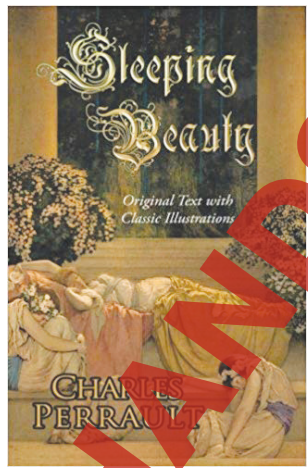
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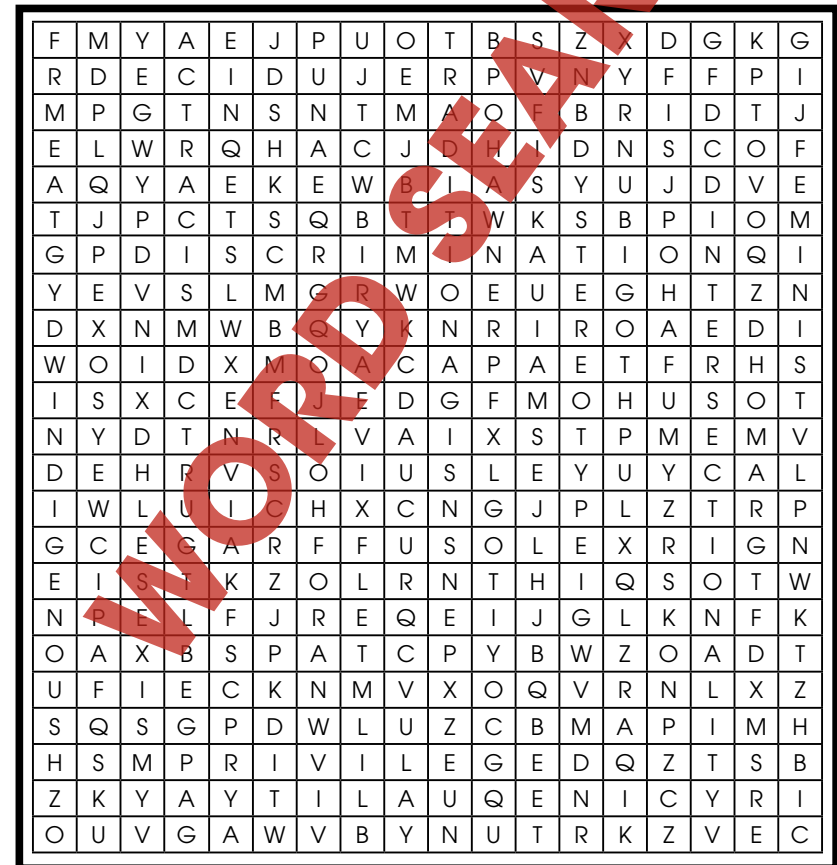
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Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

- advocate
- bias
- bigot
- discrimination
- feminist
- gender
- indigenous
- inequality
- intersectionality
- norm
- prejudice
- privilege
- racism
- sexism
- stereotype
- suffrage
- tradition



Comprehension Quiz

Part B

Answer each question in full sentences.

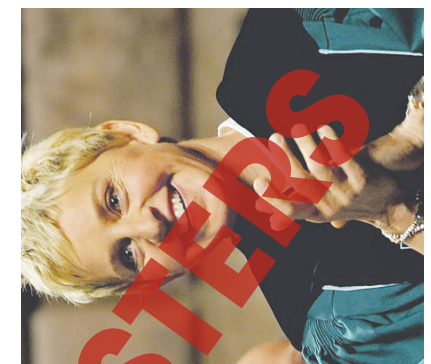
- What are TWO reasons why a person might prefer more traditional gender roles? 2
- What causes people to become advocates for a cause? 2
- What is the difference between prejudice and discrimination? 2
- What is intersectionality? Who might experience intersectional discrimination? 3
- What is privilege? Give one example. 3



Advocates for Gender and LGBTQ2S+ Equality



Matthew Shepard



Ellen DeGeneres



Marsha P. Johnson



Harvey Milk



Malala Yousafzai

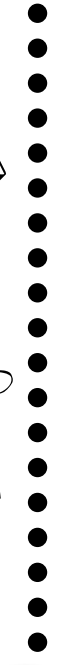


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After You Read

NAME: _____



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1.

The couple is so emotional because they finally got the right to marry the person they love. Because they finally gained equality.

2.

All people are equal.

3.

They are all strong advocates because of their decision to continue fighting when they were faced with discrimination or hatred.

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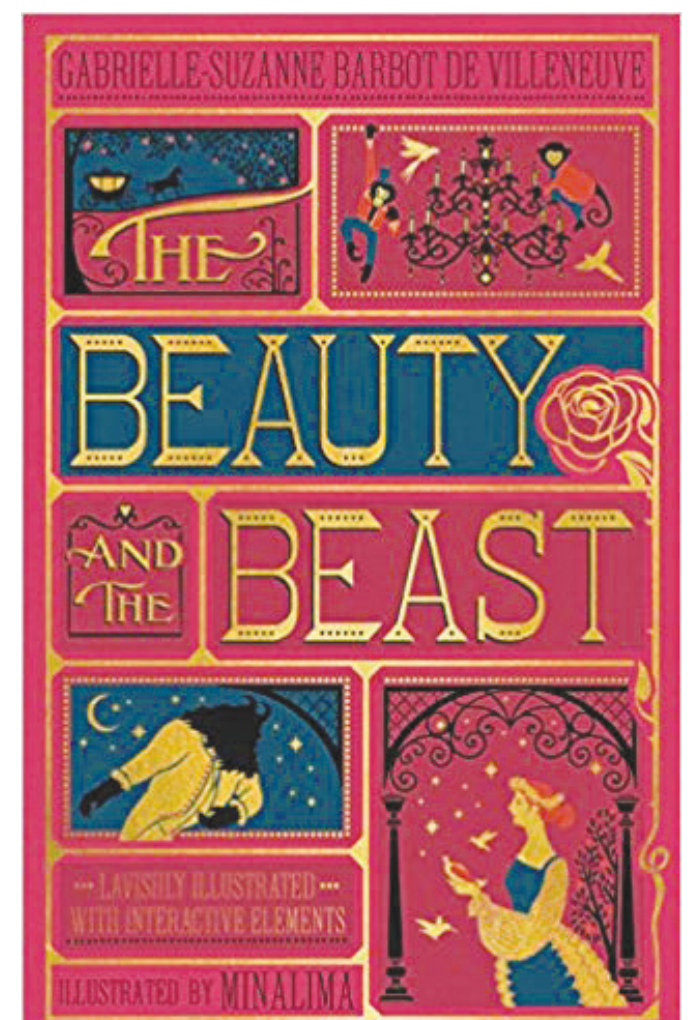
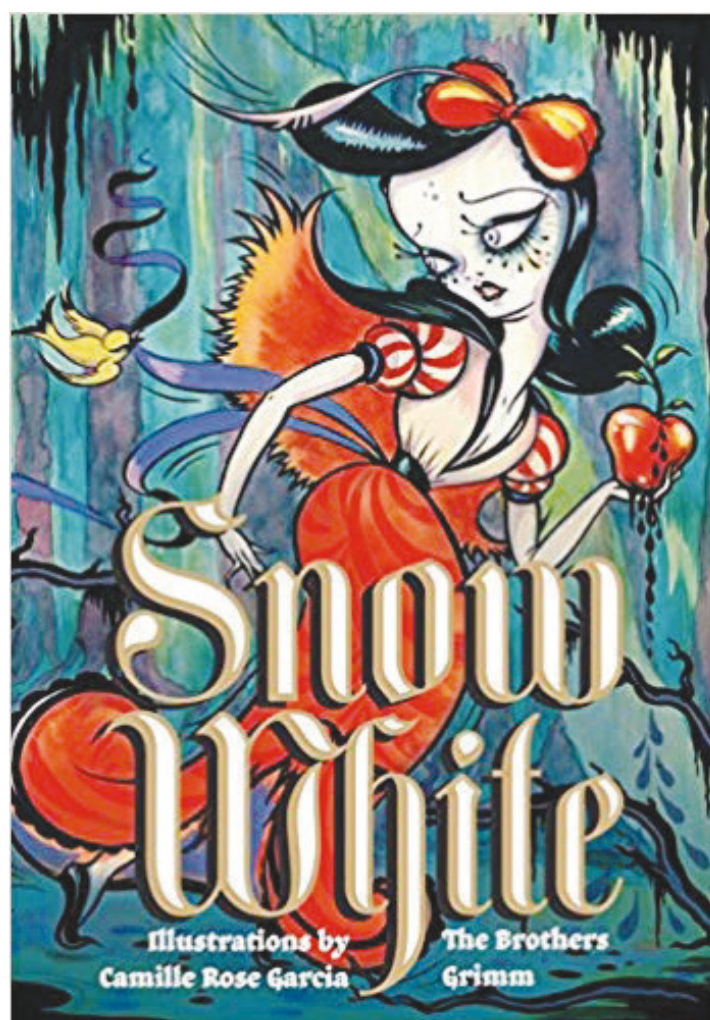
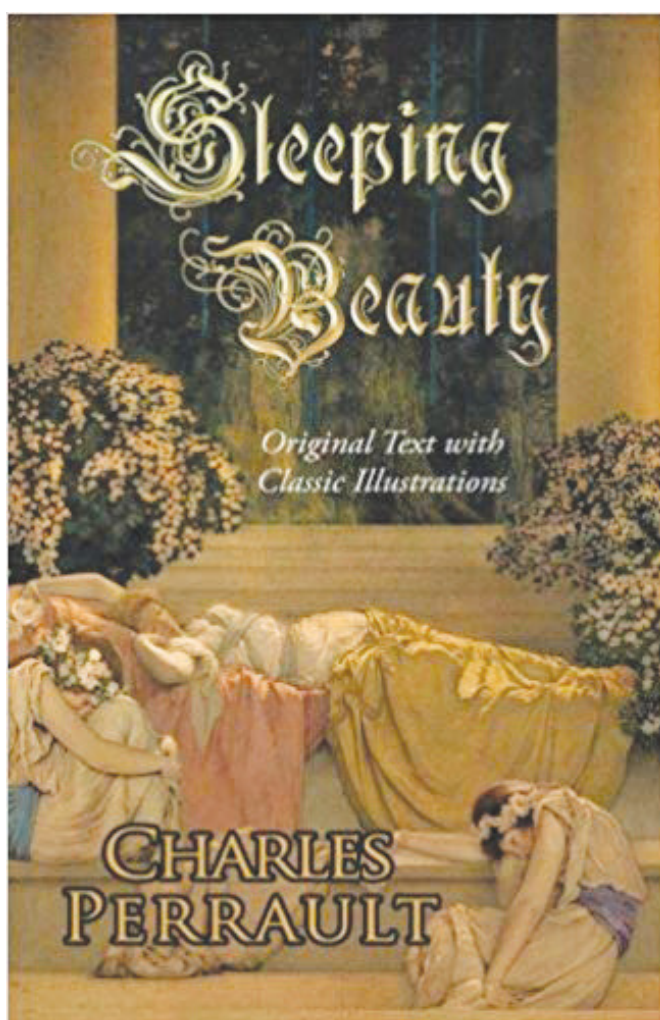
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