Preliminary Questions (Answer before viewing)

1. Are men and women equal in the US?

2. What does gender equality mean to you?

3. In 2013 the World Economic Forum published a report on gender equality. Where do you think the US would rank on gender equality compared to the other 136 countries studied?

World Economic Forum on Gender Equality (Answer While Viewing)

4. According to the video, where did the US actually rank on the 2013 World Economic Forum report? Does this surprise you?

5. What two factors does sociologist Kathleen Gerson suggest are responsible for the successful “Nordic Model” of gender equality?

6. Is the “Nordic Model” something that could be successfully implemented in the US?

7. Where does the US rank in terms of Healthy Life Expectancy? Why might this be problematic for development in the US?

8. If the US ranks 6th when measuring Economic Participation Opportunity, why don’t we have better gender equality in the US?

Final Reflection (Answer After viewing)

9. Why might gender equality matter when measuring a country’s overall level of development?
9.3 Reading Check

1. True or False: according to the United Nations gender inequality exists in every country of the world.

2. What two indexes have the United Nations created to measure the extent of each country’s gender inequality and what does each measure?

3. Why would the GDI penalize Iran more so than Mexico?

4. Where is the highest GDI found? The lowest? Where does the US Fall?

5. What is the average income gap between men & women in MDCs (include both percentage & dollar amount)?

6. What is the ratio of women to men in high school in MDCs vs. LDCs?

7. Why is a low literacy rate an especially important obstacle to the development of sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East?

8. What factors account for the inability of women to outlive men in LDCs?

9. Is the gender gap increasing or decreasing in recent years?

10. How is the GEM calculated (List all 4 indicators)?

11. Where are the highest percentages of female elected officials?

12. Every country has a Lower GEM than GDI. What does this mean for women?