Fertile Question: What part does my gender play in constructing who I am?

Core Content Area 1: Experiences of life and living

TOPIC 1.2: A history of relationships

Depthing Understanding: Women in war

In this lesson students will explore the role of women in war and in peace.

For students to explore the role of women in war and in peace, select from the following activities:

1. Explore some of the issues associated with the effects of war on men, women and families.
   a. Investigate some of the issues associated with Australian men going to war.
      i. View the Wives of War website.
      ii. Choose one story to listen to and/or read the transcript of the interview.
      iii. Record the following information: When and where did the couple meet? Which war was the man sent to? What did the wife do before, during and after the war? What effects did the war have on the lives of the couple?
   b. Explore topics such as propaganda, the changing roles of women in war etc, using resources from Scootle as directed by your teacher.

2. Explore issues of gender in war and peace.
   a. View the cartoon at left.
      i. Answer the following: What do you see? What voices are present and whose are silenced? How is the cartoon about gender? How is it not about gender?
   b. View the YouTube clip Women Peacemaking-Women peacekeepers.
      i. What are the benefits for women and for children, if women become a part of peacekeeping and diplomacy, peace talks and plans for the future?
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