CMN 455 – Introduction to Media studies

The Mask You Live In

Study Guide

What kinds of emotions are framed as acceptable for men? Which are considered inappropriate? Why?

According to Joe Ehrman, what are the three "lies" boys learn about masculinity? In each case, why are these associations harmful?

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Psychologically, how similar or different are men and women at the general level? Which traits get prototypically associated with masculinity and femininity?

How are sexism and homophobia interrelated?

According to the film, what are some of the things that change about male relationships that change in adolescence?

How does depression tend to manifest differently among girls and boys?

What roles can coaches play?

What are the four most common archetypes of men in the media?

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What are three major findings of the Surgeon General's taskforce studying the effects of exposure to violence?

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What is "the great setup"?

How and why do we explain away mass shootings?

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Unfair Play

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At the beginning of the film, why does Mary Jo Kane Say that it is "the best of time and the worst of times" when it comes to women's athletics?

Explain what Title IX is and how it impacted access and perception of women's athletics.

What is the relationship between levels of women's participation in sports and the amount of media coverage of women's sports?

When female athletes do appear in the media, how are they typically portrayed? What kinds of settings and styling are typically used?

Using your own knowledge and applying it to the film, how does the cultural anxiety around portraying the strength and competency of female athletes relate to Stuart Hall's arguments in *The Spectacle of the Other* about the appeal of binaries and the anxieties around hybridity and blurring boundaries?

How does the sexualization of male athletes differ from the sexualization of female athletes in media portrayals?

How does the media reassert traditional gender norms and heteronormativity in their portrayals of female athletes? Use a concrete example to explain.