

Social Identities Map

I picked race (I'm white) because I thought it would be simple. But in actuality it was incredibly difficult to think of events that were impacted or happened because of my race. At age nine I put that event as negative because of how easily I sunburn. The event labeled movie I thought as positive, it was the first time I ever watched Glory Road, about an Africa American basketball team. It was positive for me because it really heightened my awareness of race and it is a movie that sticks with me that I still think about. The event stretching from fifteen to twenty labeled history, is the time frame I spent learning about white privilege and the struggles (past and present) of other races. It was difficult for me to think of privilege because I do not know how that really affects me. Because I don't understand what it's like to live as another race. The event that is labeled comment, is when I was called a dumb blonde white chick (with more profanity), by a stranger to my face without any reason. It made me realize that people will stereotype me because of my race and gender without even getting to know me.

I picked gender because being a woman is a huge part of who I am and it was simple to think about events in my life that were impacted because I am a woman, or some of these events occurred because I am a woman. The event labeled name, is because I like the name my parents picked out for me. I can shorten it into a nickname that is more tomboyish for my character. The event labeled soccer is positive because playing soccer helped me gain confidence as a female and allowed me to make friends all through my life until the age of sixteen where the event labeled high school soccer is now negative. I had a very bad experience on a team with a coach that minoritized the womens team over the mens team. There are several events that I will describe together, (family roles, gym class, and valentines day rejection). These were all events where I was put down and stereotyped because of my gender. The events labeled relationship one and relationship two were positive for me in different ways. The first was positive because it boosted my confidence as a woman. The second was positive because I got out of a bad relationship where my significant other was trying to force me into gender roles (like stay at home mom). Work one is

my first job in where I was doing work that would normally be considered a mans job and was not being judged or stereotyped for it or being degraded by my colleagues. College is positive for me as a woman because not too many members of my family attended college and it made me proud to do so. Work two is a positive and negative experience for me. Rather it started out positive, but it turned negative. I was working another job that would usually be considered a field of work for men. Over time I began to realize how sexist the work environment was. For example they would buy equipment that required a weight limit that is the average weight for men, which I am below. There were many other problems like that. Relationship three was a bad relationship because it made me realize that men were going to take advantage of me as a woman and use me only for my body. The event labeled degree is a grouping of several events of people stereotyping me for choosing a degree in the humanities amongst other insulting statements about my degree of choice.