GLBTQ Definitions Fill in the Blank

Definitions

Please fill in the blanks of #1-#17 using the terms below.

Trans or Transgender, Sexual Minority, Gender Minority, Ally, GLBTQ, Homosexual, Heterosexual, Straight, Sex & Gender, Heterosexism and Homophobia, Gay, Sexual Orientation, Bisexual, Transphobia, Gender Identity, Coming Out of the Closet, Lesbian, Queer

1. It is easy to confuse these two concepts and terms; however, they are different. ___________ refers to the biological sex of a person. ___________ is socially constructed and refers to societal appearance, mannerisms, and roles.

2. One’s ___________ refers to whom he or she is sexually or romantically attracted to. Some people believe that this is a choice (a preference) and others that it is innate (GLBT and heterosexual people are born this way).

3. The term ___________ refers to the assumption that all people are heterosexual and that heterosexuality is superior and more desirable than homosexuality. ___________ is defined as "the irrational fear and hatred of homosexuals." Both of these are perpetuated by negative stereotypes and are dangerous to individuals and communities.

4. ___________ These letters are used as shorthand for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer and allied community. "I" for intersex and "A" for ally are often included in this “alphabet soup.”

5. The word ___________ is generally used to describe men who are romantically and sexually attracted to other men. It is sometimes used to refer to the general GLBTQ community.

6. The word ___________ is generally used to describe women who are romantically and sexually attracted to other women. This term originates with the female poet Sappho who lived in a community comprised predominantly of women on the Isle of Lesbos in ancient Greece.

7. The term ___________ is generally used to describe people who are romantically and/or sexually attracted to people of more than one sex or gender.

8. The words ___________ or ___________ is an umbrella term used to refer to people who transcend the traditional concept of gender. Many feel as though they are neither a
man or a woman specifically, and many feel as though their biological sex (male, female, etc.) and their socialized gender (man, woman, etc.) don't match up. Some opt to change/reassign their sex through hormones and/or surgery and some change their outward appearance, or gender expression, through clothing, hairstyles, mannerisms, etc.

9. An________________ is an individual who is supportive of the GLBTQ community. They believe in the dignity and respect of all people, and are willing to stand up in that role.

10. The word ______________ is a scientific term invented in the 1800's to refer to individuals who are sexually attracted to their own sex/gender. This term is not widely used in the GLBTQ community as it is seen as too clinical.

11. The term __________________ was created around the same time to describe individuals who are sexually attracted to the opposite sex/gender.

12. The word ______________ is a slang word used to refer to the heterosexual members of our community.

13. A person's________________ is the way in which they define and act on their gender.

14. The ____________________________ process is the process through which GLBTQ people disclose their sexual orientation and gender identity to others. It is a lifelong process. Coming out can be difficult for some because societal and community reactions vary from complete acceptance and support to disapproval, rejection and violence.

15. The term_________________________ has a history of being used as a derogatory name for members of the GLBTQ (and Ally) community and those whose sexual orientation is perceived as such. Many people use this word in a positive way to refer to the community; they have reclaimed the term as their own. Not everyone believes this and sensitivity should be used when using or hearing it as there are still many negative connotations with its use.

16. ______________ is the fear of a transgendered person and the hatred, discrimination, intolerance and prejudice that this fear brings. This oppression is manifested as harassment, threatened safety, disgust, ridicule, restrictions on freedom of movement, restrictions on access to resources (housing, employment, services etc.), and violence to name a few.

17. ______________ This is an umbrella term used to describe members of the GLBTQ community.

18. ______________ This is an umbrella term used to describe members of the Trans community.