POSSIBLE IDEAS/DATES FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS
Note: These suggestions are meant to inspire, not limit, your choices of current events topics to select news articles for oral presentations, which will begin after spring break. By the end class 8, two possible presentation dates (you don’t need to know specific topics or articles, just general topic areas!); indicate your preferred date (if any). You can sign up as a two-person team, or sign up alone and I will pair you with a classmate. Typically, there will be no more than two presentations on a given date. Remember: selecting a date(s) means selecting a specific topic area; dates listed are the only dates available.

Socialization and Gender Roles; Conceptualizing the Meaning of Biological Differences; Race, Ethnicity, Nationality and Gender Roles; Gender and Education
Gender stereotypes and children’s toys/games; differences in male and female patterns of parenting; gender roles in children’s television programming; influence of sex hormones; differences in female and male brains and potential implications for personality; divorce and gender socialization of children;
Gender socialization in specific ethnic and racial groups;
Multicultural heritage and gender socialization;
Title IX and educational equality;
Women in science and math education;
Single-sex schools (high schools, colleges) for males and females.

Representation of Race and Gender in Advertising and Popular Visual Media
Images of women/men in advertising;
Dieting, eating/body image disorders and influence of media among males and females;
Alternative beauty/body ideals for both sexes;
Race/gender representations in popular music (e.g., hip-hop, rock), television or film;
Gendered representations in videogames;
Cosmetic surgery and media influence;
Feminist media (e.g., TV, documentary film, blogs).

LGBTQ+ Rights Movements; Transgender Equality Issues
LGBTQ+ rights in schools, workplaces, religious institutions, the military; Same-sex marriage debate, gay adoption rights/gay parenting;
Legal cases of hate crimes/anti-gay violence;
Experience of LGBTQ+ individuals in the military;
Popular media images of the LGBTQ+ community
Transgender rights and the workplace
Transgender Issues at women’s colleges
Transgender Rights and Sports
Supreme Court Cases: LGBTQ+ rights
Sexuality, Contraception and Reproductive Choice
New developments in contraception for women and men; birth control as a health care right; Abortion rights and reproductive choice; Reversal of Roe v. Wade contraception for minors; teen pregnancy; HIV/AIDs and gender roles; sexuality education in public schools.

Gender, Work and Families: Women in STEM
Affirmative action; American and international parenting leave and support policies in the workplace for women and men; workplace issues for women of color; full time parenthood/homemaking as a career choice; women as entrepreneurs Gender and unionization; role of women/men in nontraditional occupations; status of women in science and engineering; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and discrimination in the workplace; sexual harassment; “Me,too” movement; gender and retirement; gender and disability; the “glass ceiling”, sexual segregation of the labor force (“pink collar work”). Globalization of labor and women in sweatshops; Microfinance as a strategy for women’s economic development (e.g., Grameen bank).

Gender and Work- Global Dimensions; Global Gender Issues; Contemporary Feminist Voices
Legal rights of women in specific countries (e.g., voting, education, employment, marriage, property, divorce, child custody); Issues of violence against women in different countries; Health issues of women in the developing world or in specific countries (e.g., maternal health, contraception, abortion, HIV/AIDS); Abortion rights/reversal of Roe v. Wade International mobilizations for women’s rights (e.g., UN); Female circumcision/genital mutilation; Women and the politics of immigration; Contemporary feminist activists (e.g., Eve Ensler, author of The Vagina Monologues, Roxane Gay) and groups (NOW); young women’s initiatives; Intersectionality in contemporary feminism Gender and American electoral politics Men and feminism Feminism and the environmental movement; feminism and the climate change crisis; web-based feminist organizing; feminism and vegetarianism/veganism Women as social entrepreneurs and philanthropists.