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| **Term** | **Definition** |
| Patriarchy | social organization is marked by the father's supremacy in the clan or family, the legal dependence of wives and children, and the reckoning of descent and inheritance in the male line. |
| Matriarchy  | a system of social organization in which descent and inheritance are traced through the female line |
| Suffrage | the right of voting |
| Feminism | belief in and advocacy of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes expressed especially through organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests |
| Gender equity | provision of fairness and justice in the distribution of benefits and responsibilities between women, men, and all genders. |
| Gender socialization | process through which individuals learn the behaviors, expectations, and roles associated with their assigned gender within a society. |
| Femininity | the quality, state, or degree of being feminine or womanly |
| Masculinity | the quality, state, or degree of being masculine or manly |
| Entailment | the act or an instance of restricting the inheritance of property to the owner's lineal descendants of a particular class or gender |
| Dowry | the money, goods, or estate that a woman brings to her husband in marriage |
| Gentry | upper or ruling class; the condition or rank of a gentleman |
| Chivalrous | marked by gracious courtesy and high-minded consideration, especially to women |

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