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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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