

## Human Sexuality: Extra Credit Options

The general idea here is generally to discuss some of your own experiences and compare them to what was discussed in class. Was your experience similar to what was described in the text and lecture? Feel free to express your own concerns and feelings. You may pick one or more topics from the options listed below, or discuss your own idea with the instructor. Only go into as much detail as you feel comfortable doing. See the research paper formatting guidelines for typing instructions. Points will be based solely on the quality, detail, and length of your accounts, not on the nature of the content or anything you may reveal.

01. Describe any experiences you may have had with STIs, either personally or concerning someone close to you? What were the psychological and emotional effects? Did you, or that person, feel able to discuss the situation openly with family and/or friends?

02. Were you, or someone close to you, pregnant as a teenager? Did the pregnancy affect social relationships (particularly with parents)? Did the pregnancy delay education or the pursuit of a career? Were there related health problems? What resources were available such as supportive family or friends, school counselors, medical professionals? Were you, or that person, able to cope with all of it and eventually get back on track?

03. Have you, or someone close to you, ever been involved in an extramarital affair? What was the nature of the involvement? Were you, or that person, the outside party having an affair with someone's spouse, the spouse having an affair, or the spouse of someone having an affair? What led to the affair and how was the situation resolved?

04. Are you, or someone close to you, homosexual or bisexual? Has homosexuality or bisexuality affected social relationships (particularly with parents)? Do people sometimes start acting differently once they learn of your, his/her, sexual orientation? And do you, or that person, feel 'different' from heterosexuals in ways other than sexual orientation?

05. Do you have children, or plan to? How many children would you want to have? What factors influenced your decision to have children or not? Do you see over-population as a major issue?

06. Have you, or someone close to you, ever had problems with sexual harassment in either school or the workplace? This could include unwanted advances on the part of other students, teachers, coworkers, clients, or bosses. If it was an ongoing thing, how did the situation develop? Were you, or that person, able to resolve the situation? Where legal actions necessary?

07. Have you ever considered working in the sex industry? Why or why not? This might include hosting a sex toy party in someone's home, working in a store specializing in sexual related products (toys, magazines, videos), working in a strip bar, posing for nude photos, or acting in a pornographic film. Perhaps some of these options are more acceptable to you than others. Again, why or why not? If you have actually done so, how did you feel about the job? And if you had contact with them, what were the customers like?