

KEEPSAKES [ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS]

CONTEXT: I have a memory box that I've left out in public spaces. It contains the stories of several individuals about their awakenings to the societal expectations around them (people who open the box are also encouraged to add their own entries). Here is the prompt that viewers are called to reflect on:

“What is the earliest childhood memory I can recall first being exposed to and restricted by societal expectations regarding my gender, sexuality and/or self-expression?”

Due to logistical concerns, I will not be asking you to create your own entry physically. Instead, I hope to get the following information from you:

1) A symbol, object, imagery that represents the experience you have recalled. (I will draw this on a piece of paper, so feel free to add descriptions of how you want it to look like if ever)

(Example: If the experience is that you were reprimanded for playing with dolls since you were male, a possible symbol is a doll)



2) A description of the memory you've recalled

- What happened?
- How did you feel?
- What societal expectations were being enforced?

3) Your name (or pseudonym if you wish to stay anonymous) and the age you were when this experience occurred)

Please input these information in the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/Vma5MthYCgLM9BhZA>

DISCLAIMER: Photos of these papers will be documented/archived on a social media page online. If you wish to remain anonymous, please use a pseudonym instead of your real name.

EXAMPLES [FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED]



When I was in Kindergarten, I would lower my T-shirt off the side of my shoulder to turn it into an off-shoulder or halter top of sorts. However, a lot of my classmates began to make fun of me for this, so much so that other parents had to inform my parents so they could stop me. Ever since, I've been more conscious about appearing more manly since my parents said it was only right for a young boy to be that way.

- Diego, 6 years old



My sister used to play with Barbies a lot when she was younger. Since she was older, I'd follow in her actions. But, in our society, that is frowned upon >:(My parents did not approve, so they tried getting me into lego instead (since it's a lil more gender neutral I guess) i-i

- Anonymous (3 y/o)