

## **VIDEO: SUMMARY: Secret of the Sexes**

### **1. AGGRESSION:**

- a. Males fight**
- b. Males more than females compete**
- c. Anti-social (male)**
- d. Bullying (male and female)**
- e. “Catty” (female)**

### **2. ACTIVITY: M>F**

- a. Curiosity**
- b. exploration**

### **3. IMPULSIVITY M>F**

- a. Difficulty in resisting temptation**
- b. Dangerous**
- c. Accident rates**
- d. Take more chances**

### **4. ANXIETY F> MORE FEARFUL AND ANXIOUS**

- a. Longer list of things afraid of**
- b. More compliant and obedient**
- c. Want to do the right thing**

## **5. SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- a. Females more nurturance early on**
- b. Dolls are active nurturance**
- c. Concerned with the welfare of the group**
- d. Compromise more than males**
- e. More empathetic with individual feelings**
- f. Males have more extensive groups of friends**
- g. Females fewer relationship, but greater dependency**

## **6. SELF-CONCEPT**

- a. Males is more powerful**
- b. Males control over events in the world**
- c. They can make a difference**
- d. More instrumental, effective, ambitious than females**

## **7. ACHIEVEMENT**

- a. Males expect to do better than females**
- b. Females are less confident, underestimate their performance**
- c. Blame themselves and feel failure**
- d. Males blame it on external circumstances**

## AT BIRTH

- 1. Similar in size and weight, but gender stereotypes are ascribed**
- 2. Mother >involved with daughters than fathers; Fathers more involved with sons**
- 3. Mothers and fathers play differently**
- 4. Mother more equal than fathers in care**
- 5. Fathers more responsible for shaping differences [ *what about female headed households??*]**
- 6. Parents claim kids based on sex:  
“I have the sons”**

## **SCHOOL**

- 1. Teachers attribute success to boys more than girls**
- 2. Teach and reprimand differently**
- 3. Aggression gets attention for boys; if girls are loud, told to be quiet**
- 4. Girls stay close to teacher (no benefit for boys) and are more dependent**
- 5. *[Males make more comments and ask more questions in class].***
- 6. *[Males recognized to speak more frequently]***

- 7. Fathers emphasize cognitive aspects with sons  
togetherness with daughters**
- 8. Success attributed to smartness for boys and  
luck for girls**
- 9. Mothers provided help, but did not devalue  
capabilities of daughters**
- 10. Girls are more embedded in routine, and can't  
deal with the unexpected**