

PsychSim 5: DATING AND MATING

Name: _____ **Section:** _____

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In this activity you will explore your own preferences for an “ideal mate,” and then consider the perspective of evolutionary psychology on this important issue.

Why Do People Fall in Love?

- What three factors have social psychologists concluded most influence romantic attraction?

1.

2.

3.

Results From the Ideal Romantic Partner Survey

- Did any of the research results surprise you? If not, isn't that fact surprising in itself?

Gender Differences in Mate Selection

- Across cultures, men consistently place more value than women do on a potential mate's _____, _____, and _____.
- Women consistently place more value than men do on attracting _____, _____, _____ mates; women also want mates who will make a _____ in their offspring.

Evolutionary Explanations of Mate Selection

- Does the evolutionary perspective on mate selection make sense to you, or do you see weaknesses in these explanations?

Making Up and Breaking Up: Jealousy

- What is the evolutionary explanation for gender differences in jealousy?

Evaluating Evolutionary Explanations

- What are some of the weaknesses of the evolutionary perspective on mate selection?