

IDENTIFYING SEX FROM SKELETON

ASSIGNMENT:

You have been hired as a forensic anthropologist to determine the sex of the skeleton in Mr. Young's classroom. Review the key differences between female and male skeletons by following the links below. While you research, continue to examine and palpate the skeleton to check for key markings.

PRODUCT:

1. Write a synopsis of your research in which you present your research (key differences between males and females), all evidence, and your final conclusion. Be careful not to base your conclusion on a sole feature or mark; consider all aspects before making your final decision. As for format, write in the form of a persuasive essay.
2. Present your findings to your peers for critique.

LINKS:

<http://www.madsci.org/posts/archives/1997-03/848271993.An.r.html>

- Summary of major differences in M / F skeletons.

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/ef/Male_vs_female_pelvis_LT.PNG

- Good side-by-side comparison of M / F pelvises.

<http://www.exploreforensics.co.uk/determining-sex.html>

- Summary of major differences in M / F skeletons.

http://shs.westport.k12.ct.us/forensics/11-forensic_anthropology/skeleton_evidence.htm

- Fetal and adult skull images showing M / F comparisons.

<http://www.anthro4n6.net/forensics/index.html#SexRace>

- Several charts and photos summarizing differences between M / F skeletons.

<http://www.srcf.ucam.org/~ja297/The%20difference%20between%20the%20male%20and%20female%20pelvis.pdf>

- Article summarizing differences between M / F skeletons.

http://biology.clc.uc.edu/fankhauser/Labs/Anatomy_&Physiology/A&P201/Skeletal/selected_bones/Bone_Features.html

- Scroll down to pelvis photos for comparisons between M / F.