

Essay # 2 - Gender Roles

In this essay you will be discussing what it's like to be a member of your gender. You will **use points/quotes from the readings** and examples from the movie to help you frame or support your points. You will also discuss how ***your specific experiences as a member of your gender support or do not support the points that the authors make.***

One way to respond to these articles is to think about your answers to some of the following questions. You should not plan to answer all of them in your essay. They are simply here as a way to get you started thinking about this essay; you'll want to develop a focus that fits with your experience and with what you want to say about it.

- ◆ What are the stereotypes of your gender?
- ◆ Which of these stereotypes have affected you, which haven't? How?
- ◆ Where do these stereotypes come from and how are they reinforced?
- ◆ What are the advantages of being a member of your gender and what are the disadvantages? Are you limited because you are a man or a woman?
- ◆ How does being a member of your gender affect your relationships with the opposite sex? With your same sex?
- ◆ Do you use the stereotypes of your gender in any way?
- ◆ How do you fight against them?
- ◆ How have cultural customs or beliefs created expectations of how you should behave or what you should do as a man or woman?

As always, you will be evaluated on

- ◆ your ability to respond to the readings (and for this essay the movie we watched). **You must paraphrase or quote at least twice from the readings *and* refer to the movie.**
- ◆ your organization of your paper (thesis statement, topic sentences, paragraph organization)
- ◆ your development (completeness and thorough examples)
- ◆ sentence structure (use of details, coordinators and subordinators)
- ◆ proofreading (grammar and spelling errors)

Your essay should be 3 to 4 pages typed, double-spaced with 1-inch margins.

This essay will be written in the computer lab, **ATC 102, on Monday 2/13 (MW class) or Tuesday, 2/14 (TuTh class) during our regular class time.** You may bring notes, an outline, and your course reader, but **DO NOT** bring a completed draft of the essay. Plan to turn in all your notes and outline with your essay.

If you miss class, you will only be allowed to make up the in-class essay if you contact me within 24 hours to make arrangements.

