Write about one and a half pg. on gender roles/representation in a fictional TV series (no “reality TV”! animated series, e.g., Family Guy, are fine) that you have watched or currently watch. Comment critically on the portrayal of gender in one or two regular or occasional characters on the series; you might center on the representation of male and/or female characters or characters who transcend the gender binary of male/female. In addition, you might also look at the ways that gender intersects with race/ethnicity/age/sexuality-sexual orientation in the portrayal of a particular character(s) – their occupational roles, relationship and family roles, etc.

Some issues to consider when analyzing characters:

*roles and occupations within the series (leading, secondary?) and genre (e.g., crime, medical, family sitcom, etc.); relation to other characters;

*age and physical appearance/attention to appearance;

* depiction of sexuality/sexual relationships;

*representation of friendship;

*parenthood/family-work dynamics;

*education/school issues;

* explicit discussion of gender issues

(You can write about a single episode as typical of the series or write about the series as a whole.) Integrate one or two readings into your analysis.)
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