

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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