**Unit 6 Project:**

**Gender Stereotypes in the Media**

**Objective**: To observe and analyze how gender stereotypes are perpetuated by popular media, and to investigate the consequences of those stereotypes

**Points**: 25 (Projects Category)

**Due Date**: Wednesday, March 15

**Assignment**: You will watch either a movie or three to four episodes of a television show that portrays interactions between males and females. As you watch you will make observations about the roles, behaviors, and treatment of both males and females, focusing on the portrayal of gender stereotypes or other messages the show may be sending about gender and gender roles.

After making these observations, you will write a 3-4 page essay (excluding the title page, abstract, and works cited) reflecting on your findings and connecting your observations to other research. Your paper will be written in APA format, and will include the following sections:

* **Title Page**
* **Abstract**- a nutshell summary of your paper
* **Introduction**- using 2 to 3 academic sources, discuss the impact of gender stereotypes in the media in general
* **Data**- Describe what you saw in the movie or TV show without analyzing or evaluating it. You may do this in prose form, or in a table or chart
* **Analysis and Conclusion**- Analyze what you saw in the movie or show you viewed, connect it to your research, and talk about the potential impacts of such gender messages in this sort of media. Conclude with a discussion of how you would like to see Hollywood deal with gender and gender stereotypes.

\*\*\*You may choose to watch the same movie or TV show as someone else, and gather data together, but each person needs to do their own research and write their own paper\*\*\*