**“Growing Up Male or Female”**

Gender role: the way a society expects males and females to behave and think

*First, answer questions 1 & 2* ***before*** *reading. Then, read the article and answer the rest of the questions. Make sure you are discussing your answers with your group as well.*

**BEFORE READING:**

1. What are your thoughts about gender roles? Are they important? Do they exist today?
2. How do you think you learned your gender role?

**AFTER READING:**

1. What is the main idea of this article?
2. How are babies treated differently by gender in the article? Be specific & use examples.
3. What is socialization?
4. What are some of the ways that children are socialized by their parents? Be specific & use examples.
5. How do parental expectations affect gender roles? Be specific & detailed.
6. What does gender-neutral mean? How does this type of parenting work? Is it easy?
7. How do your answers for #2 compare to what you learned in the reading? Is there anything different? Similar?
8. Do you think socialization & gender roles affect the behaviors & stereotypes that you discussed at the beginning of class? Why or why not?