

## “Night to His Day” - Questions for Consideration

Read the article, “Night to his Day: The Social Construction of Gender” by Judith Lorber, and answer the following questions (on either a piece of paper, or as a word document on your device):

1. What was your reaction to this article? Do you agree with Judith Lorber? Are there any parts you disagree with?
2. What idea/notion/concept resonated the most with you and why?
3. Elaborate on the metaphor that “gender for most people is the equivalent of fish talking about water.”
4. How and why do you think gender is “created and re-created out of human interaction?”
5. What does the author mean when she says that everyone “does gender.” Can you think of a few times you have witnessed someone ‘doing gender?’
6. Comment on the following: “Once a child’s gender is evident, others treat those in one gender differently from those in the other, and the children respond to the different treatment by feeling different and behaving differently.”
7. Based on what you read, how would you define “gender construction?”
8. Why do people think biological sex automatically determines gender?
9. Butler states that “People are uncomfortable until placing another person in a gender status.” What is the reason for this?
10. Why do humans tend to categorize?
11. How is gendering beneficial to the economy?
12. Do you think it’s possible to raise a child free from gendering?
13. Why do you think there is a need for gender studies/what is the purpose for studying gender and women’s studies?