

Unit 1 Opening Questions

For the unit opening question, you may choose to free write on the topic for 5 minutes, or submit a short video file with your thoughts.

If you attended class, you do not need to submit any work. I will add 10 points for your class participation.

If you did not attend class, please do complete the free write or submit the video.

Our questions for this week are:

Think of a recent day when you heard or saw something that made you wonder, “Why is society like this?” or “What does that mean for the world that things are this way?”

Maybe it was the layout of your local grocery store, accessibility issues with the houses in your neighborhood, or even an interaction you observed in class. Then answer these questions about one of those situations:

1. Do you think the issue you noticed is part of a bigger pattern? Could it be a social problem?
2. Do you feel the perceptions of this social problem were shaped by gender and racial identities? How?
3. What made you question the behavior or interaction you observed?