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(Kimberly M. Pitts 2015-09-15)

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(Patricia Neff Claster 2015-09-28)

“I like that the text focuses on questioning, something that can be difficult for some students. As primarily a sociology text, [*Questioning Gender*] covers some psychology and anthropology (and other social sciences) within it.”

(Spencer Acadia 2015-09-28)

“I like [*Questioning Gender*] because it is approachable, it covers various theoretical perspectives, and I like how the text is organized.”

(Renata Forste 2015-09-29)

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