“Understanding Gender” – *Maclean’s* Magazine

1. Explain how the author and his wife thought that they could influence their children away from rigid social gender roles.

Explain what happened. What does that suggest to the author about sex and gender? (Look again at the last line of the article to help you analyze this).

2. What are the **sex** differences between males and females the author cites?

3. What does Aaron Devor, sociologist, mean when he says that “society is defying reality by insisting that there are but two genders, two sexes, and only slight variations on two basic sexualities”?

4. In what ways does Devor think that society has loosened its rigid roles through the impact of feminism?

5. How does the profession of law in Canada reflect the difficulties of women working in “a man’s world”?

6. How do schools treat boys and girls differently, according to the author, and what is the fallout?