Turner MCC 102-16

1. In two or three sentences, lay out Eagly & Wood’s (1999) hypothesis concerning the cause gender differences.
2. What was most confusing?
3. Is it believable that the only important biologically based gender differences are physical? Why would we be so different from other mammals, especially other primates?
4. Eagly & Wood (1999) argue that sex differences in status tend to favor men, which, in turn, caused the mate-selection bias we’ve discussed. But isn’t the status itself partly an *effect* of the selection bias. In other words, isn’t the big car, job, etc. socially valuable in part *because* these things help men find “superior” mates?
5. If Eagly & Wood (1999) are correct, that societal restrictions and opportunities *cause* sex-differences in behavior, why did David/Brenda/Bruce Reimer have such a hard time?
6. On p. 409, Eagly & Wood (1999) argue that “Sex differences are viewed as accommodations to the differing restrictions and opportunities that a society maintains for its men and women, and sex-differentiated behavior is held to be contingent on a range of individual, situational, and cultural conditions.” If true, would social-class-differentiated behaviors and/or race-differentiated behaviors be analogous? What might some examples be?