

IV. Discussion and Analysis Questions

1. How did colonists in 1629 Virginia understand and enforce gender as an organizing principle? (clothing, labor, and social expectations)
2. What circumstances may prompt someone to change their identity? (social, economic, political, professional, familial considerations)
3. What are the possible motivations for Hall to change gender presentation at different points in their life? (economic, safety, self-determination considerations)
4. Discuss the connections or relationship between work roles and gender expectations in colonial society and today's world.
5. How can media coverage influence the public's understanding of court rulings? (Cite specific examples from the past and/or present day.)
6. How might social media talk about the "Thomas or Thomasine Hall" court case today?

IV. Case Study Question: How do the thematic issues raised by Hall's case continue to influence American society today?

Support your answer using your knowledge of the “Thomas or Thomasine Hall” court case, colonial labor systems and social structures, and current events involving gender and equal pay and opportunity in employment.

- Incorporate your responses to the analysis questions
- Cite primary sources
- Connect historical patterns to contemporary issues where appropriate