

Outline

- **Do not have to follow this is just what I did**

Introduction

- **Background Information:** Mulan is set during the Han Dynasty in China when the Huns invade China. The Emperor asks each family to send one man to fight for the country by joining the army. To keep her father from having to fight, Mulan disguises herself as Ping and goes to war. She is accompanied through her journey by a guardian dragon, Mushu, and is close to having her identity revealed multiple times. Eventually, Mulan is caught, and her identity of being a woman is revealed, resulting in her banishment from fighting and going home. However, Mulan proves her strength and courage by ultimately saving China from the Huns in a battle at the Emperor's palace.
- **Thesis Statement:** The movie Mulan contests traditional views of gender by following Mulan's journey and showcasing how it is defying gender stereotypes.
 - Mulan defies all odds laid against her, joins the army disguised as a man, and proves that her physical and mental abilities not only match the men's, but usurp them in many cases.
 - She needs to bring honor to her family and she could not do that by finding a match maker
 - I need to incorporate a male stereotype more specifically which one and their name - I will do that for the paper

Reasons Mulan contest traditional views of gender

- **Mulan**
 - Why Mulan's character is different from how the media displays traditional gender roles
 - Matchmaker
 - "Please bring honor to us all" song "with good fortune and a great hair do, you'll bring honor to us all" - women are expected to solely use beauty as a method to gain honor from family members
 - Be a good housewife
 - Scholarly Source
- **Potential Male Character**
 - Why the male character is different from how the media displays traditional gender roles
 - Men are the only ones who can go to war
 - Because of war, men become the most respected individuals in the community
 - The song "I'll make a man out of you"

- Men must become the most manly and brave version of themselves to be truly honored and classified as a man
- Scholarly Source

Conclusion

- Recap on why Mulan and male character contest to traditional gender stereotypes
- Restate why the characters are examples of it

Also I want to do my best to incorporate this in my paragraphs as well

- How are men and women portrayed in the media text?
- How are the relationships between men and women portrayed in the media text?
- Does the media text support or contest a traditional view of gender identity and gender roles?
- What do you enjoy about the media text? How is this enjoyment affected by the representation of the gender in the text?