## Chapter 5 Discussion Questions

### 5.1.1 Application of Context, Perception, and Social Attribution

Think of a recent social interaction that was significant to you. Consider the social context, perceptions, and social attributions of the interaction. Write an example of how each is applied within your journal.

Can you think of an example of how you engaged in a fundamental attribution error?

### 5.2.1 Ascribed and Achieved Status

Have you thought about your statuses prior to reading this chapter? Discuss your specific ascribed and achieved statuses.

### 5.3.1 Social Institutions

Choose one of the following social institutions and consider its role in society and any problems associated with it.

1. The military
2. Medicine
3. Mass media
4. Sports
5. Science and technology

### More Than a Theory

### 5.3.2 Functionalist

How do social institutions vary from society to society? How might the institution of government be different around the world yet still meet the needs of each society?

### 5.3.3 Conflict

How does the educational institution perpetuate social inequality? Would improving student access and quality of education reduce inequality in society?

### 5.3.4 Symbolic Interactionist

How are the dynamics of social interactions between members of a primary group different from those of a secondary group? Why is face-to-face interaction important to building social networks offline?

### 5.4.1 Emotional Labor

Have you ever had to use emotional labor? Why and under what circumstances?

### 5.5.1 Robots and Social Change

Can you imagine interacting with robots on a regular basis? Are there any negative consequences associated with the increased use of robots in education (in specific) and society (in general)?