Questions you should be able to answer after doing the reading and attending class

1. It is commonly known and accepted that on average, males earn more than females. What are the possible reasons for this other than labor market discrimination?

2. Define labor market discrimination.

3. What is the difference between pre-market and labor market discrimination?

4. What is the difference between wage discrimination and occupational discrimination?

5. What is the index of dissimilarity?

6. When trying to measure discrimination, what factors are typically used to measure productivity?

7. What puzzle does the personal prejudice model of discrimination uncover? What are some possible explanations for that puzzle?

8. Define statistical discrimination.

9. What are the differences between primary and secondary labor markets?

10. What are the most commonly used measures of income distribution?

11. Define the Lorenz curve and the Gini coefficient.

12. What is the recent (last 20 years) history of income distribution in the United States?

13. What explanations have been given for this pattern? Which ones are most plausible?