Configurationalism: the investigation of unconscious underlying psychological patterns or configurations that account for observable cultural patterns.

Culture and personality: a perspective pioneered by Ruth Benedict, which focuses on the relationship between culture and personality traits and draws upon Freudian psychology and learning psychology; or a field of anthropology concerned with the cross-cultural vaqriations in personality characteristics and psychological traits

Essentialism: the view that, for any specific kind of entity it is possible to specify a finite list of characteristics, all of which any entity must have to belong to the group defined. Assumes thast these characteristics are permanent, unalterable, and eternal. Essentalist positions on gender, race, or other group characteristics, consider these to be fixed traits, while not allowing for variations among individuals or over time.