

## Critical Analysis: *The Yellow Wallpaper*

**Assignment:** Choose ONE of the suggested topics below and write a 1 page critical analysis of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's short story, "The Yellow Wallpaper." Be sure to include textual support and properly cite evidence you gathered from the short story.

- Examine Gilman's use of repetition and how she uses variation within repetition in "The Yellow Wallpaper."
- Trace the evolution of the narrator's reaction to the wallpaper. How is this evolution significant to the story?
- Discuss the environment Gilman creates through her use and choice of detail.
- Identify possible symbolism behind the color of the wallpaper. How does this knowledge change your understanding of the narrative?

**Objectives:** To make and defend an original analytical claim about a literary work. You will also:

- write a well-organized paper with a clear thesis.
- use textual and experiential evidence.

### Helpful Hints

- Annotate (take notes on) your copy of the story.
- Read it multiple times.
- Remember **context** - When does the story take place? When was it written? Who wrote it? Do these affect the interpretation of the story?

*Go to homework hall for help!*

**Format:** Your essay should be 1 page typed, double-spaced, in a standard 11 or 12 point font. Be certain to appropriately cite any sources.

**Due NEXT Class.**

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