

Summer Reading
Literary Analysis Task
English III (American Lit.)

You will be reading and drawing on your understanding of Charlotte Gilman Perkins' short story, *The Yellow Wallpaper*. This story is set in the year 1890. Your task is to write a strong, concise paragraph that answers the prompt. Your goal is to convince readers that you are right by drawing on relevant text evidence and providing strong, thorough explanations to support your answer.

Your prompt: How does *The Yellow Wallpaper* illustrate the roles of women in the late 19th century? What do we learn about the lives of women of the time through the experiences of the main character?

Provide quotes from the text and explanations that support your answer. This is formal writing. No personal pronouns, please.

Your finished paragraph should be at least 250 words - about one page double spaced.

Here is a link to the short story: [The Yellow Wallpaper](#) It is also available at this link: [The Yellow Wallpaper](#). If you have trouble with the link, you can Google the title and find it many places online. It's also available for purchase on Amazon for \$2.25.

This assignment should be turned in the first week of school in August. It will be your first grade in English III. We will be pairing this text with Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* in August.

