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Dr. Harris,

Here is the group work from today's class (10/5/06) for Liz Walton, Sheila Lopez, and Jennifer Day.

Our group was asked to answer 4 questions from the pool of questions asked by our class and create keywords:

(Questions are summarized)

Q: Why did the author choose to do an epic poem format instead of that of a novel?

A: With poetry, sometimes the author has more freedom to be more "flowery" and have room for tangents.

Keyword: Texture

- Poems seem to have more texture in that they have more room for description and it's a different way to write.

Q: Has Marian upstaged Aurora as a character and what is Aurora's interpretations of her?

A: As a character, Marian acquires more sympathy from the reader because she is from a lower class that has a situation worse-off than Aurora. She also has integrity as a woman because she doesn't marry Romney because she doesn't want to bring him down to her level. Instead, she sacrifices a life of love to save him.

- Aurora's Interpretation: She looks up to Marian for being so genuine, independent, and real. She tries to save her reputation by saying the baby isn't hers and she should not keep it (before the end of the book...), one other thought is that maybe she likes Marian because she left Romney and left him alone- therefore Aurora still has a "back up" to be with him.

Keyword: Class disparity- Marian cannot move up in society to marry Romney and she will not let Romney move down to her level.

Q: Were Marian's reasons for leaving Romney at the altar purely motivated?

A: Yes. She leaves because she does not want to pull him down to her level. She thinks purely of Romney and not of herself. In contrast to the lady who had the hidden agenda and made her believe that Romney did not love her.

Keyword: Pure Motivations= Marian was pure at heart in her thoughts and ideas of why she left Romney at the altar.

Q: In the wedding scene, why did the mob form?

A: The mob had various reasons. Some were angry because the bride made Romney wait. Others were angry about class conflicts. Half of the crowd didn't want Marian to be able to rise up above her class status, and the other half were pleased to see it because it gives them hope of raising above their class.

Keyword: This can also be classified as Class disparity.

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