

WORKSHEET

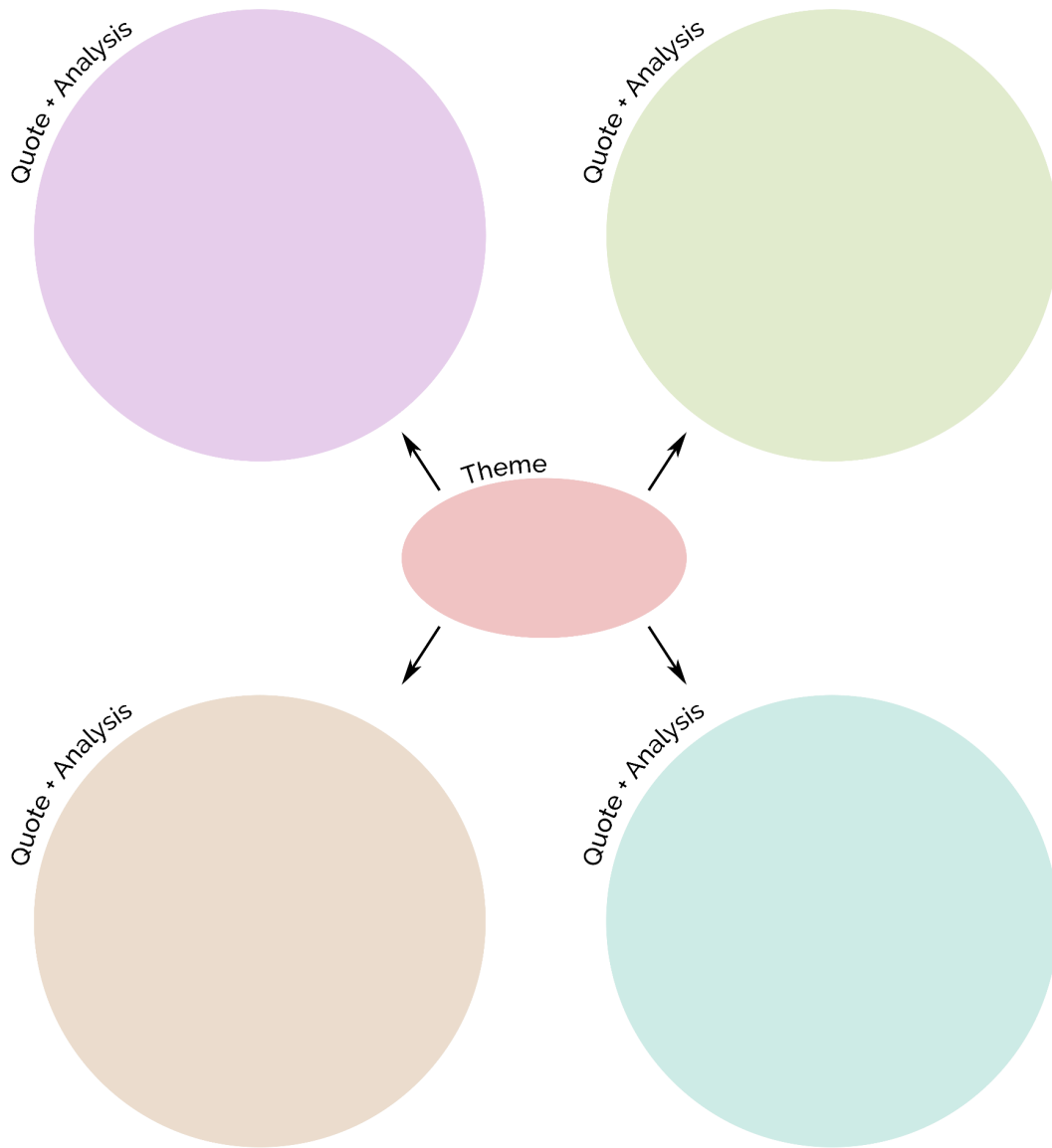
And Women Must Weep - For Men Must Work (1931)

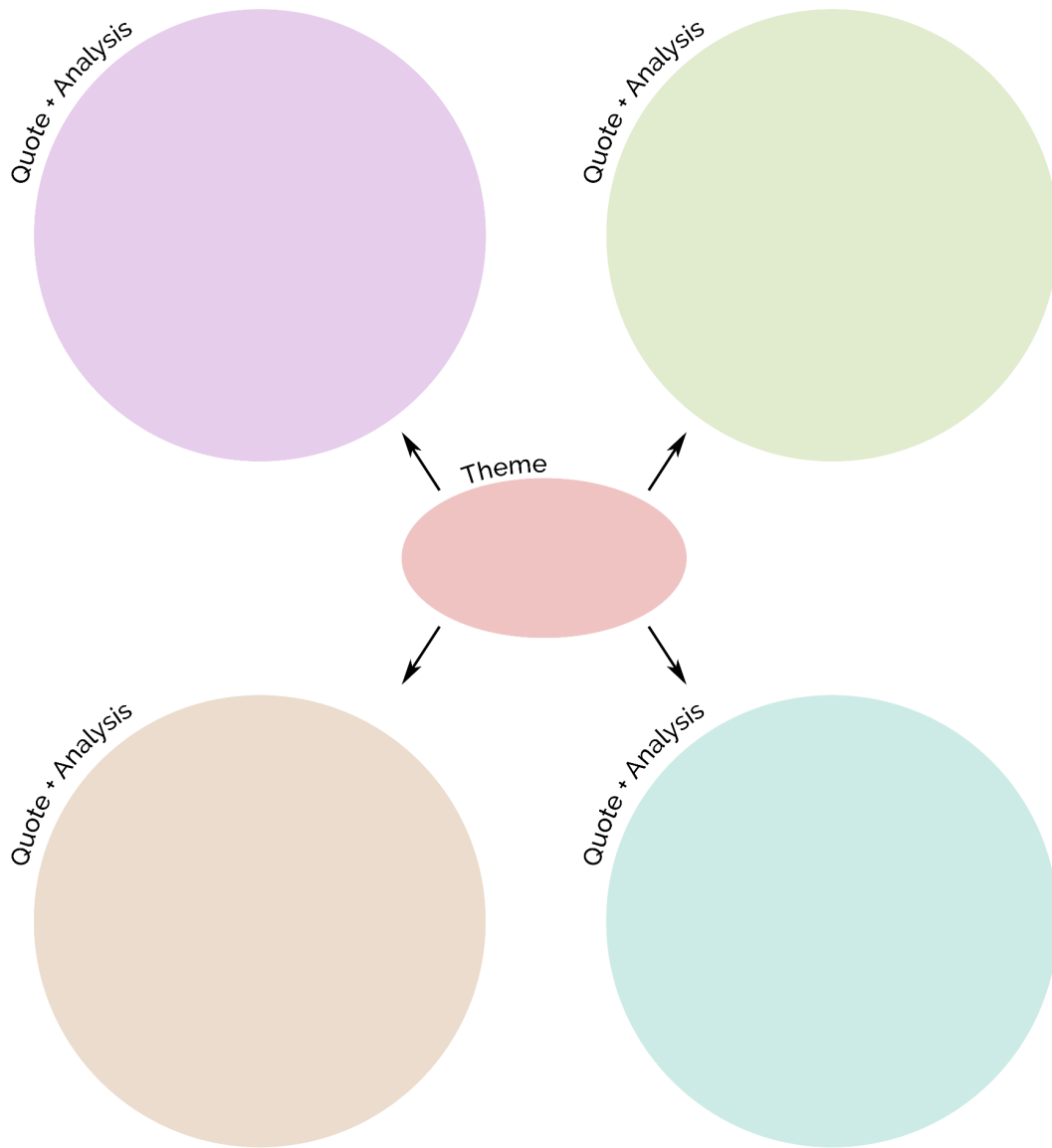
Henry Handel Richardson

TASKS

1a. Pick two of these themes, then make a mind map for each by adding four separate quotations from the story that relate to them. Make short notes of analysis, explaining how and why each one relates to your theme.

- Acceptance
- Innocence
- Rejection
- Failure
- Appearance and Beauty
- Insecurity
- Betrayal
- Confidence
- Culture
- Gender
- Society





1b. What, in your opinion, is the author’s final message or statement about each theme that you chose?

2. Research debutante balls - make notes on what they are and how they used to function in society. Make sure to list the rules and customs associated with these kinds of balls.

3. Why do you think the gentlemen in the story are unnamed and not well-defined characters? Explore your thoughts on this using evidence from the text to write a PEE paragraph that answers this question.

4. Have you ever been to a prom? Write your own experiences of attending a prom, as well as detailing the social pressures you felt on that evening. If you haven't been to a prom, imagine what it would be like and write about that instead.

Then, summarise the similarities and differences between Dolly's ball and your own experiences of or thoughts on modern school proms.

2. What do you think is the main reason that men do not select Dolly to dance with them? Write a brief paragraph, using quotes from the story, explaining your thoughts.

3. Compare the character traits of Dolly and Aunty Cha in the short story "And Women Must Weep" by Henry Handel Richardson. Create two columns, note down their traits in these columns and use them to compare the similarities, and differences, between Dolly and Aunty Cha.

5. Imagine you are Dolly's friend. Write a letter to her, giving her advice about what to do next in her life, and how to recover from the shame and sadness she's currently feeling.

PRACTICE ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. In “And Women Must Weep” by Henry Handel Richardson, how does the author present Dolly’s feelings towards rejection?
 - In “And Women Must Weep” by Henry Handel Richardson, how does the author present attitudes about gender?
2. Explore how Richardson presents ideas around acceptance and rejection within this short story.