

***The Yellow Wallpaper* Reading Guide**

Respond to these questions as you read Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *The Yellow Wallpaper*.

1. How does the speaker describe the house where she resides?
2. What is the profession of the speaker's husband?
3. What is wrong with the speaker's health?
4. How does the speaker describe her room?
5. Why does she call it a nursery?
6. How does the speaker's husband feel about her writing?
7. Why can't the speaker be with her baby?
8. How does the speaker feel about the wallpaper in the room?
9. What does the speaker think she can see in the wallpaper?
10. Why is the speaker's bed nailed down?
11. Why does the speaker get so tired by looking at the wallpaper?
12. Who does the speaker's husband, John, think can help her?
13. What does the woman behind the wallpaper do that bothers the speaker?
14. What does the speaker compare the wallpaper to when it is night?
15. Why does the speaker begin to fear her husband?
16. Why do you think John and Jennie are worried about the wallpaper?
17. Where did Jennie say she found yellow smooches from the wallpaper?
18. How does the speaker describe the wallpaper when she starts feeling better?
19. What does the speaker want to do to get rid of the smell of the wallpaper?
20. What does the speaker think about the funny mark that goes all around the room?
21. Who is shaking the bars behind the wallpaper?
22. What do you think the speaker is doing when she says "I always lock the door when I creep by daylight"?
23. Why does the speaker want her husband to "take another room"?
24. What does the speaker think she can do for the woman behind the wallpaper?
25. What did the speaker do with the key to her room?
26. Why did the speaker bite the bed?
27. Why does the speaker say, "I shall have to get back behind the pattern when it comes night, and that it hard!"
28. What was the speaker doing when she was "creeping"?
29. What happened to the speaker's husband at the end of the story?
30. What has happened to the speaker's frame of mind at the end of the story?