

Throughout Dubliners, Joyce has alluded to a number of key issues he saw affecting Irish society. Write a five paragraph essay examining Joyce's critique of three such issues in A Mother, Grace and The Dead and in Dubliners as a whole. Some suggested topics would be family, religion, politics, love, marriage, Romanticism (in this sense, idealization of the past), alcohol, greed and paralysis. In examining what Joyce is saying about the three topics you choose, consider carefully the characters Joyce uses and what they say. **Use quotes from all three stories to back up your points.**

Utilize the following plan:

* In the first paragraph, introduce the stories you will discuss and set them within the overall context of Dubliners. Introduce the themes you will discuss in this essay, mentioning their importance in the book as a whole. Be sure to provide a clear THESIS STATEMENT.

* In each of the three body paragraphs, discuss the topic you have chosen for this paragraph with reference to at least one of the three final stories and to other stories throughout Dubliners. **Each body paragraph should take into account at least three of the stories in the book including at least one of the final three.** Provide quotations to support your point of view. Be sure to use parenthetical notes and to sum up your paragraph. **Each of the three final stories should be featured extensively in at least one of the body paragraphs.**

* In the final paragraph, summarize your conclusions about Joyce's view of these themes and how they unite to form an overview of the Dublin Joyce knew. To what extent was this a universal view of society, and to what extent was it particular to Dublin? Do you think Joyce succeeded in holding up a mirror to Ireland that might lead to change with regard to the themes you have discussed?

Schedule:

Due: Thursday, May 18

The revision must be thoroughly done and handed in with the draft by Thursday, May 25

DO NOT USE ANY OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR THIS ESSAY. YOUR COPY OF DUBLINERS AND ANY NOTES FROM CLASS AND HANDOUTS I PROVIDED ARE ALL YOU NEED. You will get far less out of this assignment in terms of skills for college if you get outside help.