

“The Dinner Party”- by Mona Gardner

Before reading: Copy the definition of Stereotype into your literary elements section of your notebook.

During reading:

1. What is the setting of the short story?

2. Who are the people that are at the dinner party?

3. Another fictional discussion/debate is presented to us in this story. What is the topic of the debate?

4. **STOP here**-after the third paragraph. (After writing down debate topic...) What is YOUR opinion on this topic?

5. What are the stereotypes reflected in this story? Copy down **specific lines** of the story that demonstrate this.

6. What does this story demonstrate about how males and females react to tense situations? Does it, in your opinion, reflect real life?