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***The Canterbury Tales* “Wife of Bath” Prologue**

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**Group**

1. Think of advice you have been given by others about relationships. Talk about it. List **contradictory** advice below: *(Example: Act aggressively to get a guy’s attention but then be the passive partner once the attention arrives.)*
2. What are some **double standards** that exist about male and female gender roles? List as many as you can. *(Example: women show emotion=normal; men show emotion=weak)*

**Individual**: Find one appropriate article that gives advice to women or men about relationships. Avoid articles that focus mainly on the physical aspects of a relationship, and focus on articles that give advice about what men or women should do to gain the notice of the opposite sex. If you have time, find another article. Here are some magazines and news suggestions:

*Seventeen Slate Star Tribune The Atlantic The Guardian*

*Elle NPR New York Times The Washington Post*

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1. Summarize the advice from your article.
2. Are there any contradictions within the article you found? If so, list them.
3. How have gender roles changed throughout history? Does your article reflect a change or promote a past way of thinking about men and women? Explain.

**“The Wife of Bath Prologue”**

1. What are the arguments the Wife of Bath makes in her prologue? Include contradictions, too.
2. Have relationships between men and women changed fundamentally since the time of Chaucer and the medieval era? Why or why not?
3. The Pardoner stops the Wife of Bath in the middle of her Prologue and tells her that he fears marriage because he does not want his wife to become like the Wife of Bath. What advice would you have given him? Why?