

“The Two Offers” – Frances E.W. Harper

- o Given the two protagonists (Jeanette & Laura), we see a range of differing experiences based on one’s social-economic and marriage status. Everything from assumptions about gender (What it means to be a woman?) to happiness, loneliness, etc.
- o Move beyond the two characters to figure out what they mean.
- o What does Harper’s “Two Offers” reveal about the expectations of womanhood?
- o What do Laura and Jeanette’s characters teach us about what it means to be a woman?
- o Who is happy at the end of the story? Who is lonely?
  - What does loneliness teach us about using society’s expectations to determine our happiness?
  - What exactly do we learn about happiness? What are the different components?
- o Who role does identity play in one’s life?