

**English 1302**  
**Questions to Consider**

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“The Woman who Tried to be Good”  
Edna Ferber

Choose one of the following questions to answer and use the notes section on the back of this page to outline your ideas.

**Questions**

1. What is symbolic in this work and what is it symbolic of? How does that fit in with the overall theme **OR** show us more about a specific character or this situation?
2. It's easy to think about Blanche as the main character here, but someone's telling us this story. What is this storyteller like and what does this person show about their personality and outlook or the personality and outlook of the community?
3. In this story, many characters are referred to by a descriptive term—the Very Young Wife, the Young Husband, The Woman Who Tried to Be Good—what does using those descriptions of those people instead of their names say about their position in society, the view of the narrator, **OR** a major theme in the work?
4. What is the moment of grace as discussed in class in this story? Explain it and discuss the significance of it in terms of these character's lives and situations as well as in general.

<p>Your answer to the question you're using from the handout. Write it out in a clear and complete sentence that clearly relates to the question. Include the author's name and the story's title.</p>		
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<p><b>Concluding ideas: One or two sentence summary of your points, and then discussion of what this shows about the specific question, element you looked at, or what it shows about the human experience.</b></p>		