

Notes for 2/17/06 on The Awakening, Part 1

Board Quotes

- Pg 51 Leonce keeps wife under thumb, put in palm of hand
- Pg 27 Edna feels freedom for her actions
- Pg 47 Differences in feelings for Rob and husband
- Pg 32 Servant, evidence of conspicuous consumption, elitism
- Pg 9 Understanding the Creole culture
- Pg 62 “Awakening” – the realization of change in Edna
- Pg 52 Tries to crush wedding ring
- Pg 26 Mdm. Reisz plays Chopin - is complimented

Discussion

When was this written?

Jump from lower class to higher class in selected readings

Robert – openness of flirtation with a married woman

“Ready to give life for children, but not self.”

Distinction between self and life

Robert – player? Or Bill Paxton from *True Lies*?

Relationship between Mr. and Mrs. P

Fashionably sensitive but too cool to care...

Like, but not love

Why married?

No passion

“It’s not you, it’s me...”

Without Robert, would she have realized her meaningless existence?

No, she needed another guy

Before her swimming, does Mrs. P know who she is?

Why start the book with a parrot?

Caged

The woman in black, the lovers, why are they there?