

ELIT362 British Drama from the Restoration to the Modern (Reflection Paper)

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To the Young Woman of the Next Generation,

Hello, my dear. It is my pleasure to write this letter to you. I think you will learn so many things after you read this letter. Let me introduce myself first. I am Lady Galliard, the woman that everyone respects, the woman that has her self-respect and independence. I do not have a husband at the moment, nor do I need one. Since my late husband's departure from this life, I am experiencing the most mesmerizing sides of this world. I know what self-sufficiency is and, most importantly, I do not fall for the foolish sweet words of the boys who were supposed to be grown-ups. Darling, you should never forget that these men are always destined to lose against us. I am sure you will also meet many men who perceive women just as sexual commodities. Your role in the society of these 'men' (!) is, for them, just to be someone's mistress, mother, and sister. You can find these new reproductions of Tom Wilding everywhere you go. I am here to remind you of the importance of being independent financially. Make sure that you always have your own money and never beg for anyone's affection. In a society, in which women have been regarded as 'sexual objects', you beautiful ladies' mere mission is to destruct this stupid classification and empower each other. Pursue your goals, always strive for self-improvement, and never make a man your whole life. Think it this way: Your life is a beautiful cake that consists of many flavours and the men are just a cherry that you put on top of it. But let me tell you, my beauty, a cake would still be so tasty without the presence of a cherry.

XOXO,

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