

## Short Story Topics

- Stories: Just Lather, Us & Them, Black Walls, Yellow Wallpaper, The Pedestrian
- BW & Us & Them—judging neighbours for ‘abnormal’ /aberrant behaviour
- Individual’s relation to society
- Expose generalization/close minded views society forms about certain groups—us/them/self/other
- Misunderstanding between/among groups—different is wrong
- Ped & BW—police state for non conformity
- External and internalized policing
- Fight against society’s expectation of conformity
- Narrator is always protagonist – narrative point of view
- Symbols—foam & razor, black walls, yellow wallpaper, ;
- Symbols relating to home relates to home/society—wallpaper, black walls, ped. home
- Internal conflict—JL & YWP—internal/external
- Authors experienced conflict of society’s expectations
- Tone?—flows, stream of consciousness (willingly gets in cop car—why??)
- Flat? Neutral tone?
- Revolt—victory or futile?—us& them aware of absurdity
- Effort to not conform—but impossible to achieve; generational achievement not individual
- Relationships? Communication?