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Research Summary: Sarah Orne Jewett, 19th Century Feminist

My research paper focuses on the short story “A White Heron” by Sarah Orne Jewett. The thesis of my essay is: “The protagonist embodies the feminist idea that in order to realize true liberation, a woman must reject the patriarchal notion that women exist to serve men.”

The title of my secondary source is “Sarah Orne Jewett” from *Gay and Lesbian Biography*. It is a chapter in a book edited by Michael J. Tykrus and Michael Bronski. I found this source in the database *Gale in Context: Biography* in the BMCC library. The main idea of the chapter is that the author lived unconventionally in terms of her relationships and blatantly renounced the societal expectations alluded to in her works.

This secondary source supports my thesis because it shows, with biographical detail, how Sarah Orne Jewett embraced the ideals she expresses in the story “A White Heron.” She was a 19th Century feminist, who used characters such as Sylvia, to illustrate how a life outside the patriarchy could be deeply fulfilling and, surprisingly, *not* lonely.

Works Cited

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