

# *A Room of One's Own*

## Virginia Woolf

### Suggested Discussion Questions

1. What is the central idea of the book?
2. What encouragement does Virginia Woolf give her audience?
3. Does Woolf's argument still make sense today? Why or why not? How can Virginia Woolf's ideas be applied to 21st century?
4. Why might marriage have been "hateful" to Julia Shakespeare? How does her father's reaction show how little he understands his daughter?
5. Do men and women write so differently? Have you ever heard of a case where a woman is congratulated for having a man's style?
6. What predictions does Woolf make about women writers of the future? How do they look from our current vantage point?
7. Why, in the author's opinion, did Elizabethan women not write poetry?
8. Does Woolf think that poetry is superior to the novel form?
9. What is the significance of World War I in this essay?
10. How does Woolf account for women's poverty? For the absence of women's history?

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A woman must have money and a room of  
her own if she is to write

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