“The Yellow Wallpaper” Analysis Questions Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the *style* of writing? How does this contribute to our understanding?
   * Determine the reliability of the narrator.
   * Investigate how 1st person narration affects our understanding.
2. To what extent is John responsible for the ending?
3. Justify whether or not John is also a casualty of repressive social conventions.
4. Conclude if the narrator’s descent into madness is liberating or empowering for this heroine.
5. Examine if the ending of the story suggest **progress** (a woman tears down the shackles that are binding her) or **pessimism** (this woman has become completely unstable)?