

The Masked Singer Feminism in Jane Eyre



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A couple of weeks ago I finished a show called the Masked Singer. My family and me would watch it every Wednesday together. The show had three, sometimes four judges who would try to guess who the masked singer was. Every week performers would perform in costume so you wouldn't see who they were. At the end of each show the audience and judges would pick their favorite performer. The per-

former with the least amount of votes was unmasked and had to go home. The Finale had only three contestants left. A peacock, bee and a monster. I was so excited to see who would win. The Peacock was unmasked and it was Donnie Osmond. I have no clue who that is. Next was the bee and it was Gladys Knight. Finally the Masked Singer winner was the MONSTER. T-pain was all excited because she told us from the beginning it was T-pain and we didn't believe her. It was such a fun show to watch. My brother loved watching it because at the end of the show when someone was unmasked everyone would chant "take it off, take it off". That was fun to shout with the family. We had so much fun as a family and we are ready for the next season.



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Charlotte Bronte's female protagonist, Jane's strong morals and ethics, and her tendency to break Victorian social norms makes *Jane Eyre* a feminist novel.

Charlotte Bronte's book has a female protagonist. In the time *Jane Eyre* was written, it was a rarity that a book written with a strong female main character became

popular. Times were hard even for Bronte, because female authors were also not as popular during this time. Bronte and her sisters often published their books under men's names, because critics would not take the book seriously if they knew the book was written by a woman. At this time, Jane is still in her school Lowood, and in the Victorian era, young girls were at school and were expected to be neat and tidy, to read the bible, and to have polite manner towards everyone. Jane defies the traditional position of women in the Victorian era even before she goes to school when she lives with her aunt and cousins.

At a young age, Jane defies her aunt when she realizes she is being mistreated. In the Victorian era, children are supposed to be seen and not heard, but Jane makes sure her aunt hears her opinion loud and clear. Jane has been mistreated her whole life for as long as she has been at Gateshead. This quote shows how Jane's strong will develops at a young age.



**Quinn Langford
Cedar Ridge H. S.**

Friday, March 8th was International Women's Day, an annual holiday that is over one hundred years old. This year's theme was "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change." I am a member of the Lady Cans, an all-girls robotics team, and this message was especially impactful for us as future engineers, creators, and innovators. In celebration of International Women's Day, our team's CEO spoke on a panel at the art and technology festival South by Southwest, which happened to start on March 8th this year. There were dozens of other International Women's Day events at South by Southwest as well, including seminars, concerts, and parties.

In 1909, at a turbulent time when women

in industrialized countries were beginning to really stand up for their rights, the Socialist Party of America declared the first National Women's Day. This movement soon became international in 1910 when the second International Conference of Working Women decided to establish an International Women's Day. The first official International Women's Day was held in 1911. No particular country or organization has owned the holiday, but the United Nations began celebrating it in 1975, and they pick the theme each year. In the computer age, awareness of the holiday has snowballed as famous celebrities and companies post about it on social media. At this point, it's hard to get on the internet on March 8th and not read something about how powerful women are. Even though many of the goals that International Women's Day was originally founded to raise awareness about have been achieved, celebrating the holiday is still necessary. The world as a whole has a long way to go until complete gender parity, and it is important to honor the endless contributions women have made to this planet.

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TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
Help Identify Community Needs in Travis County
Public Hearing & Survey**

Travis County invites the public to attend a public hearing where residents will have an opportunity to present community needs and recommend projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for usage in the Villages of San Leanna and Webberville and the unincorporated areas of Travis County. The information collected will guide the 5 year strategic plan (October 2019- September 2024) and the selection of CDBG projects for the Program Year 2019 (October 2019-September 2020).

The CDBG program is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit Travis County low- to moderate-income residents who live outside any city limit or in the Villages of Webberville and San Leanna. The program supports community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, improving affordable housing options, and providing improved community facilities and services. For program year 2019, Travis County anticipates to receive an estimated \$1,205,291.

**The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday,
March 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM
at Travis County, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca,
Austin, TX.**

Beginning March 6, 2019, those who can't attend the public hearing, but want to provide information about their community needs will have an opportunity to provide their input in writing by filling out a Participation Form or survey. This form will be available electronically at the Travis County CDBG website www.traviscountytexas.gov/CDBG, or a paper copy can be mailed. Alternately, neighborhood groups located in the CDBG service area that would like to discuss their needs in more detail, may contact the CDBG Office to request a meeting. For more information about how to access the survey or request a meeting, go the CDBG Participate page at <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg/participate> or call 512-854-3460.

Travis County is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 512-854-3460 for assistance. To request that an American Sign Language or Spanish interpreter be present at the public hearing, please contact CDBG staff at least five business days in advance

PUBLIC NOTICE



The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) announces a limited wait list opening for 25 project-based HCV and 25 project-based VASH vouchers at Terrace at Oak Springs. HACA will begin accepting pre-applications online at 12:00 p.m. on April 8, 2019. This opening is **ONLY** for single households who:

- Is aged 18 and older, **AND**
- Has completed Coordinated Assessment administered by a member of the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care (CoC), **AND**
- Is chronically homeless; **AND**
- Has a verifiable disability; **AND**
- Meet the tenant selection criteria as outlined by property management.

Before applying, please consider the following information about Terrace at Oak Springs:

- Located at 3000 Oak Springs Drive, Austin, Texas 78702
- Fully-furnished, efficiency apartments (singles) with kitchenette, bedroom and living area
- On site optional support services including activities, assistance accessing benefits, counseling, life skills groups, employment or volunteer skills training, etc.
- Front desk attendant 24 hours a day
- Security Cameras
- Access to health clinic for physical and mental health care needs
- The housing voucher is attached to the apartment unit, not the individual

Applications are not available at the Housing Authority of the City of Austin. Apply at home or anywhere you have internet access. You can also use your smart phone or tablet.

If you believe you/your family meets these criteria, you may be added to the wait list by submitting a pre-application at www.HacaApply.org

Verification of your age, disability, and chronic homelessness will be requested by HACA upon receipt of your pre-application. The pre-application will not be considered a complete application until all verification documents are received by HACA.

Eligible applicants experiencing chronic homelessness may also be added to the wait list through a coordinated referral by the following partner agencies: Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Integral Care, ARCIL, Inc. If you are living outside, in a car, or in an emergency shelter, please visit www.austinecho.org/ca for information about Coordinated Assessment.

PRE-APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ONLINE AT WWW.HACAAPPLY.ORG.

HACA does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in 24 C.F.R. regulations implementing Section 504. Vice President of Housing & Community Development, 1134 S. BIDS, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 477-4488, TTY: (800) 735-2989 or 711 (Voice Relay).