

Mary Wollstonecraft Reflection Chart

Put yourself in the mind of Mary Wollstonecraft. Answer each question below as she might have, based on her beliefs about justice, gender, and equality.

Question	Your Response (as Mary Wollstonecraft)
Why does Wollstonecraft think Éloïse may have been treated unfairly during her trial? What role did gender and class play?	
What does Wollstonecraft mean when she says “it is justice—not kindness—that the world truly needs”?	
Why does she say we should not defend Éloïse just because she is a woman? What does that say about true equality?	
Wollstonecraft believes women are not “angels or monsters.” What does she mean by this, and how does it relate to how women are judged in society?	
Do you think the court’s decision to sentence Éloïse to life in prison (instead of death) shows progress, like Wollstonecraft suggests? Why or why not?	

