* **This is a Web Search to provide you with some historical context on the Victorian Era in the United States and prepare you for our unit on Kate Chopin.**
* **Read each of the following prompts and locate answers for each online. Copy and paste the URL of the site from which you take your information.**
* **Do not use Wikipedia for this exercise; you can use it as a starting point, but make sure to get your actual responses from another site.
The point of it is to get you into various sites and exploring—Wikipedia impedes that process!** ☺

Please respond using complete sentences!

***Hint:*** Here’s a GREAT site on all things Victorian—**The Victorian Web:** <http://www.victorianweb.org/index.html>

1. In a paragraph or more, discuss who **Queen Victoria** was, her values (and the values that she set as standard for that time period), and why she had influence on the United States (even as the Queen of Britain).
2. **When** was the “Victorian Era”? ***Dates are fine here.***

1. What was “**women’s suffrage**”? What did it have to do with the Victorian Era in the United States?

1. What was “**the Angel in the House concept**”?

1. What was the “**Industrial Revolution**” in the United States? What kinds of changes did it bring to how average Americans lived and worked? Please explain.

1. What was the **average life expectancy** of men during the Victorian Era (in the United States)?
What was the **average life expectancy** of women during the Victorian Era (in the United States)?

1. What was “**regional realism**” in American Literature? Give an example of an American author known as writer in this genre.
2. List two “**ideal qualities” of a Victorian Era man**.
3. What were some of the views on **sexuality during this time—specifically related to women’s sexuality and childbirth**? Feel free to talk about the medical side of things, not just the social or political.
4. What were a **woman’s rights** with regards to property, children, and legal recourse if she was married during the Victorian era? This is a big question, so feel free to discuss, for instance, one aspect like a woman’s ability to get a divorce or to own her own home, etc.

***When you are done, please submit this. I will start a mini-lecture at around 7:30 to introduce the reading. You’ll have time to wrap it up at the end of class.***