

BELLRINGER BOMBS

YOU HAVE ONLY SEVEN MINUTES TO WRITE TWO PARAGRAPHS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC ONCE THE BELL RINGS [This will be collected after 7 minutes]

Write an essay exploring whether or not the gender marking that Tannen describes is socially and culturally constructed. That is, does the concept of gender marking apply to a situation where the dress of women or men is socially determined or constrained, such as Middle Eastern countries where women's choices in dress are restricted by social mores? Does it apply in such situations as a school where school uniforms are required, or in the military?

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How much more respectable is the woman who earns her own bread by fulfilling any duty, than the most accomplished beauty! beauty did I say? so sensible am I of the beauty of moral loveliness, or the harmonious propriety that attunes the passions of a well-regulated mind, that I blush at making the comparison; yet I sigh to think how few women aim at attaining this respectability, by withdrawing from the giddy whirl of pleasure, or the indolent calm that stupifies the good sort of women it sucks in.

**By Wollenscraft in her essay
“Vindication of the Rights of Women”**