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English 11 Common Core Part 2 “ A Pair of Silk Stockings” and “The Story of an Hour”

**Directions:** Closely read/review each of the 2 short stories provided “A Pair of Silk Stockings” and “ The Story of an Hour” and write a source-based argument on the topic below.

**Topic:** How does a person’s lifestyle and life choices affect the decisions they make?

**Your Task:**

Carefully read each of the 2 short stories provided. Then, using evidence **from both**, write a well-developed argument regarding, How does a person’s lifestyle and life choices affect the decisions they make?. Clearly establish your claim (argument), distinguish your claim from alternate or opposing claims (looking at it from another person’s view), and use specific, relevant, and sufficient evidence from the short stories to develop your argument. Do not simply summarize each text.

**Guidelines: Be sure to:**

• Establish your claim regarding How does a person’s lifestyle and life choices affect the decisions they make?

• Distinguish your claim from alternate or opposing claims

• Use specific, relevant, and sufficient evidence from both short stories to develop your argument

• Identify each source that you reference by text number and line number(s) or graphic (for example: short story 1, line #\_\_\_)

• Organize your ideas in a cohesive and coherent manner

• Maintain a formal style of writing

• Follow the conventions of standard written English

**Texts:** “The Story of an Hour” and “A Pair of Silk Stockings”