The Yellow Wallpaper Study Guide

I. Questions to Consider:
   1. How would you describe the TONE of the first person narrator? What does she seem to be like as a person?
   2. In what ways does the narrator disagree with her husband and brother regarding her “treatment”?
   3. How does John feel about her writing? Why might he feel that way?
   4. What exactly about the wallpaper does the narrator dislike?
   5. What symptoms of modern-day “depression” does the narrator exhibit? How would the condition have been looked at differently in the late 19th century?
   6. In what way or ways is the pattern of the wallpaper like the pattern of her life? THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THIS, PLEASE…
   7. How does the author represent the gradual deterioration of the narrator’s state of mind? Mention the stages of this woman’s destruction.
   8. In your opinion, what does the “creeping” represent?
   9. What does the “woman inside the paper” represent?
  10. How would you interpret the ending of the story? What has actually happened? What is the author trying to say?