



Kate Chopin's Characters

Student Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: In the “description of character” column, note specific attributes of that character as described in *The Awakening*. In the second column, describe their relationship to Edna – what role do they serve in her life? How are the two characters alike or different? In the third column, explain what the character does – what is their role in society? Can they be classified as a “type” of person? What is their social status?

Character Name	Description of Character (who they are as a person)	Relationship to Edna? (who they are in relation to Edna)	Role, job, or place in society? (who they are in society)
Madame Ratignolle			
Mademoiselle Reisz			
Mariequita (see Chapter 12)			
“lady in black”			
Madame Lebrun			
“the lovers” (young couple)			
Quadroon Nurse			

How do the various characters’ status, situation, and choices in life compare to that of Edna Pontellier? Is their lifestyle appropriate to the kind of life Edna wants to lead? Why or why not?