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Lady Oracle recalls the multiple voices from mothers, daughters, and female artists since the second wave feminism and expects the growth of female artists in Atwood's later novels. Keywords: Transformation, Integrated self, Rejection, Gender stereotypes, Identity. Introduction. The story begins with the narrator’s fake suicide, “I planned my death carefully”. (Atwood p.1) The protagonist, Joan Foster, composes popular “costume. Gothic” aimed at female readers and as well, lives out the genre’s fantasies of escape and transformation. As a slim, attractive adult, Joan conceals her former life. Lady Macbeth. Gothic female stereotypes- Lady Macbeth. 3.0 / 5. English Literature. There is not much of an argument to fit Lady Macbeth to the stereotype of an innocent victim. However there is alot of evidence for the dangerous predator and monstorous mother. The femme fatale- She is overtly sexual “When you durst do it, then you were a man;” This quote can be played in some interpretation as seductively, she is insulting Macbeth's manhood, and seducing as well as persuading him to carry out the murder.