

Women in Fantasy Literature - Questionnaire

1. Are modern heroines subjected to gender stereotypes?
2. Do you think modern heroines changed significantly?
3. If yes, what do you think is the biggest change?
4. What are the most common attributes of female characters? (write no more than three)
5. What are the most notable characteristics of your favorite heroine? (write no more than three)
6. Are women in *The Lord of the Rings* original?
7. Why?
8. Are women in *A Game of Thrones* original?
9. Why?

Questionnaire Results¹

Question	YES	NO	UNDECIDED
Are contemporary heroines subjected to gender stereotypes?	83%	17%	0%
Have contemporary heroines changed significantly?	41%	59%	0%
Are women in <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> original?	50%	50%	0%
Are women in <i>A Game of Thrones</i> original?	47%	16%	37%
What are the most notable characteristics of your favorite heroine?	Intelligent, brave, beautiful, determined, strong, independent		
What are the most common attributes of female characters?	Beautiful, brave, intelligent, determined, strong, sexualized, feminine		
What is the biggest change in contemporary heroines?	Became independent, active, realistic		
Why are/are not women in <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> original?	(-) women fulfill minor romantic roles (+) Galadriel is complex, powerful, unique		
Why are/ are not women in <i>A Game of Thrones</i> original?	(-) Initially, the heroines pose as typical stock characters (+) women are realistic/ act in original roles		

¹ Only those reasons or qualities most frequently repeated by the respondents are listed