

## ***Spinning Silver* Social Media Profile**

### **Part 1: Group Assignment—Due 9/18**

For Part 1 of your assignment, you will be creating a social media profile for a character in *Spinning Silver* in a group of 4 to 5 students. You and your assigned group will be given either Miryem, Wanda, Irina, the Staryk king, or Mirnatius.

Together, you will decide what type of social media profile you think is most appropriate for this character and create a profile. You will include a brief bio, pick a profile image, and make three posts “created” by this character. **Your brief bio** should include information such as your character’s profession, interests/concerns, and relationships. Your **profile image** should somehow represent your character. **Your posts together must address at least two of the following themes:** agency/power relations, gender conventions, social status, oppression/prejudice, compassion, exchange.

### **Social Media Profile Options**

Students are encouraged to use either Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for their assignment. However, if you decide as a group that you would like to use a different social media platform, please let me know and we can arrange that. Regardless of the platform you use, you are expected to include some form of text in each of your three posts. For instance, even if you choose Instagram, your pictures should be accompanied by writing that engages the themes listed above in some capacity.

### **Timeline**

**Friday, 9/4:** You will be assigned your character and group.

**Friday, 9/11:** You will be given a short period of time to touch base with your group and begin discussing what social media profile you would like to select.

**Monday, 9/14:** We will have a Social Media Profile Work Day in a computer lab. Your instructor will check in with each group by the end of class.

**Friday, 9/18:** Your group’s social media character profile will be due by 11:59pm. You will “submit” your profile through a link via email.

**Saturday, 9/19:** I will make all of the social media character profiles available to students via email.

### **Part 2: Response Paper—Due 9/25 by midnight**

The second portion of this assignment, a two- to three-page response paper, will be completed individually. For this portion of the assignment, you will choose two social media profiles completed by groups in Part 1 of this assignment (one can be your own if you choose) and use them to help you compare/contrast two characters from *Spinning Silver* in the context of one of the themes listed above. You will discuss where the theme occurs in each profile and connect your discussion with a direct quotation of a passage from *Spinning Silver* reflecting this theme for each character. You will compare how each of the characters engage or respond to your theme. For instance, if you choose gender conventions as your theme, you might argue that Miryem and Wanda challenge gender conventions and offer insights into the similarities and

differences of how they do so. You will use analysis of their social media profiles and direct textual evidence to support this argument and your insights.

**Evaluation:**

Your *Spinning Silver* Social Media Profile Assignment will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Includes a clear and arguable argument
- Uses textual evidence, including direct quotation
- Offers analysis of textual evidence as well as of two social media profiles
- Engages in comparative analysis