**Buffy the Vampire Slayer: “Halloween”**

Buffy – The Vampire Slayer

Willow and Xander – Her best friends

Angel – Her boyfriend and Vampire with a Soul

Cordelia – A classmate who knows her secret

Rupert Giles – Her Watcher and school librarian

Ethan Rayne – Costume shop owner

1. What role conflict does Buffy experience at the beginning? Do you think her feelings are innate or socialized, and why?
2. How does Buffy break the “guy code”? Do you think Xander’s feelings are innate or socialized, and why?
3. Compare and contrast Buffy and Willow’s opinions about what it would have been like to live as 18th century noblewoman. Who do you agree with?

1. Explain the following quote using Mead’s concepts of the I and the Me: “Halloween is the night that Not You is You, but not You…you know?”

1. Why does each character choose their particular costume – what does it symbolize about their identities and self-concepts?  
   1. Buffy
   2. Willow
   3. Xander
2. What seems to be the socialization function of Halloween for children? What are the positives and negatives?

1. Ethan’s spell is designed to induce chaos. How does society create and keep order?
2. How does the spell change the identities and roles of the group?  
   1. Buffy
   2. Willow
   3. Xander
3. Compare and contrast the portrayal of Buffy and Xander in their altered states. What point is being made about gender roles?

1. Why is the statue of Chaos two-faced? What does it represent? Do you agree that this division results in social dysfunction?

1. How does the experience seem to affect the main characters?  
   1. Buffy
   2. Willow
   3. Xander
2. Write about literal experience from your own life that could compare to this metaphorical story.