

Rhetorical Map: "The Wife's Lament"

Audience:

Who is the audience intended to be? How do we know?
Would the message have been different if the audience shifted?
Is the audience expected to be able to empathize with her situation? Can we still today?

Purpose:

How do these three pieces (Audience, Claim and Speaker) all work together to create a purpose?
Is the purpose effective?

Claim:

What is the claim that the speaker is making?
What does this claim imply about her society?
How is her society's traditions and expectation explained/explored within this text?

Speaker:

Who is the speaker?
Would there be a difference in message if the speaker were different? What if it were the other gender?
What are your expectations of the speaker and her relationship with what she is discussing?
Is she a credible speaker?