## PARAGRAPHS



Every paragraph should have a single, clear main idea

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Ted A. Smith, Weird John Brown: Divine Violence and the Limits of Ethics

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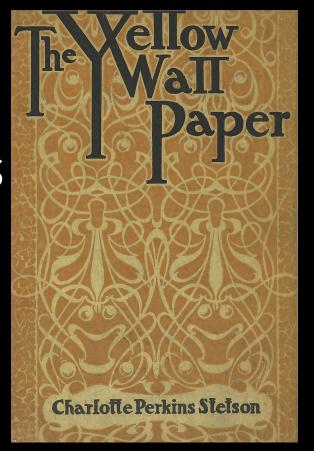
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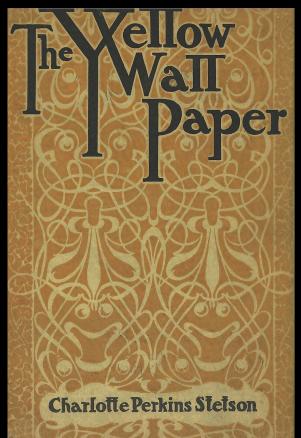
- Vague
- Confusing
- Example rather than summary

- Strong
- Specific
- Clear
- Conveys main idea

"Gilman expresses how mental health is viewed as being much smaller than other medical issues as well as expressing the overpowering dominance of men in the industry through the ways John helps treat his wife"



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