

□ COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. Read the sentences and write MAE (Mary Ann Evans), MS (Mary Shelley) or B (both).

- 1 ☐ She used her experience to help other people.
- 2 ☐ She didn't want people to know about her personal life.
- 3 ☐ She needed to write to earn a living.
- 4 ☐ She had an unusual lifestyle.
- 5 ☐ She had success when she was very young.

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2. Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 What stereotype did Mary Ann Evans want to avoid?
- 2 What was unusual about her writing?
- 3 Why did people ask her for advice?
- 4 What tragic things happened to Mary Shelley?
- 5 Why did she have to continue writing?

□ WHAT ABOUT YOU?

3. Discuss these questions with your teacher and the rest of the class.

- What do you think was the most difficult aspect of these women's lives? Why?
- Would female writers face the same problems today? Why / Why not?
- Do you know any authors or actors today who choose to use a different name? Why do you think they do this?
- Do you know of any writers or actors who were very young when they achieved success? How do you think this affected them?

□ WRITE

4. Choose one of the questions in exercise 3 and write an answer of 50-70 words to explain your point of view.