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## *Mona Lisa Smile*

As a class we have been discussing culture. Culture can be defined as the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group, or as the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization. In the film, *Mona Lisa Smile*, we will view the culture of a popular women's college in Massachusetts, Wellesley, in the 1950s. Katherine Watson is a new professor there, having just graduated from the University of California – Los Angeles. In the film, we will also see and understand the idea of counter-culture. Counter-culture is a way of life and set of attitudes opposed to or different from the current culture. Your job is to identify whether each of the characters below is a member of the culture of Wellesley, or is a counter-culture character. Describe how they either reinforce (agree with) Wellesley culture, or oppose (fight against) it. Due at the end of the movie!



*Katherine Watson*



*Amanda Armstrong*



*Betty Warren*



*Giselle Levy*



*Joan Brandwyn*