

**WGS. 101 INTRO TO WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES FALL 2014**  
**SESSION #4- IN-CLASS WRITING**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITE FOR FIVE MINUTES:**

Use bullet points.

**“A wife should no more take her husband’s name than he should hers. My name is my identity and must not be lost.” – Lucy Stone**

Respond to the above quote. Do you agree or disagree with Lucy Stone?

Some questions to consider:

Today, in 2014, if a woman is committed to gender equality, should she retain her birth name if she marries a man?

What’s at stake for her in changing her last name to her husband’s or in keeping her birth name? Is taking a spouse’s last name a different kind of decision in a same-sex marriage?

If a man marrying a woman believes in gender equality, should he opt for alternative naming practices? What’s at stake for him?

Describe your reasons for your answer.

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