**ZENOBIA**

Zenobia is Ethan Frome's wife. In the novel she is characterized by the narrator as a terrible person. The woman appears to the reader cold and boring; after being sick also hypochondriac and plaintive.

When Mattie (her cousin) arrives at her home, Zeena's behavior is even more annoying, as she also becomes extremely jealous of her husband.

Reading the novel I also perceived this negative characterization of the character. The author's intent is to make Zeena unpleasant and making Mattie and Ethan loved. But reflecting on the story and identifying with Zenobia, the reader should be able to understand the feelings of the woman.

Zeena is in love with Ethan and it would not be easy for anyone to find themself in a similar situation. Having to live with her husband and the woman he actually loves, involves jealous and suspicious behavior.

Very often people tend to criticize the situations and behavior of others, without identifying themselves with them. Each of us is human and can make mistakes or have wrong behaviors; nevertheless it is necessary to consider the situation in general, as in the case of Zeena.

At first sight I did not consider the suffering of the woman, just reflecting on the novel I recognized the strength of mind necessary to live her situation, feeling sorry for her.