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**Taylor Swift Lyrics Analysis**

Directions: First, read the lyrics and listen to the song. Then, answer the close reading questions.

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| **"Blank Space"**Nice to meet you, where you been?I could show you incredible thingsMagic, madness, heaven, sinSaw you there and I thoughtOh my God, look at that faceYou look like my next mistakeLove's a game, wanna play?New money, suit and tieI can read you like a magazineAin't it funny, rumors flyAnd I know you heard about meSo hey, let's be friendsI'm dying to see how this one endsGrab your passport and my handI can make the bad guys good for a weekend**CHORUS:** So it's gonna be foreverOr it's gonna go down in flamesYou can tell me when it's overIf the high was worth the painGot a long list of ex-loversThey'll tell you I'm insane'Cause you know I love the playersAnd you love the game'Cause we're young and we're recklessWe'll take this way too farIt'll leave you breathlessOr with a nasty scarGot a long list of ex-loversThey'll tell you I'm insaneBut I've got a blank space, babyAnd I'll write your name | Cherry lips, crystal skiesI could show you incredible thingsStolen kisses, pretty liesYou're the King, baby, I'm your QueenFind out what you wantBe that girl for a monthWait, the worst is yet to come, oh noScreaming, crying, perfect stormsI can make all the tables turnRose garden filled with thornsKeep you second guessing like"Oh my God, who is she?"I get drunk on jealousyBut you'll come back each time you leave'Cause, darling, I'm a nightmare dressed like a daydream**CHORUS**Boys only want love if it's tortureDon't say I didn't say, I didn't warn yaBoys only want love if it's tortureDon't say I didn't say, I didn't warn ya**FINAL CHORUS** |

1. In what way(s) do Taylor’s lyrics *reinforce* gender stereotypes? **Use 2 DQs** to support your answer🡪Use the back of this sheet
2. Do you (personally) blame Taylor for reinforcing these stereotypes? Why or why not?