

Lesson 1

READ THIS STORY #1, Advanced

The Black Sheep of the Family

There was a story in our paper about a lady from Virginia who was called a free spirit. She was her class valedictorian. She wrote prose and was a painter. Politically, she was a Libertarian. That’s why her conventional Republican family considered her to be a “black sheep.”

She approached life from a different perspective. She had an inquisitive mind and was enthusiastic about humanity. She had no fear of being different or of trying something new as long as she was happy with her life.

Most of us are conformists. We have an earnest approach to life, a sense of duty and obligation. We are the glue that holds our nation together.

Maybe that’s why we admire, and even envy, those free spirited people who add zest and color to our world.