

Simone de Beauvoir: *Les belles images*

## some essay topics

- 1 Elaine Marks says of this novel : 'The only real question asked in *Les belles images* is asked by the child.'  
Assess against that view the importance you see in the question asked by Laurence : « Qu'est-ce que les autres ont que je n'ai pas? »
- 2 *The most disturbing question asked by Laurence is*  
'*Les belles images* asks a disturbing question : how can one reconcile personal happiness with the knowledge of the world's misery?' *horror*  
Discuss
- 3 Compare Laurence's relationship with Dominique to her relationship with Catherine, with a view to determining which of these is the more important.
- 4 some other topic, to be discussed in advance with me.

Length: about 1000 words

Deadline: Monday 15th August 1994, at 5 o'clock p.m.

Language: English

I remind you that I am available to talk  
about topics at any time during the  
reading or writing.

Reasonable requests for extensions will be  
reasonably entertained.

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