

BEAUTY CONTESTS IS AN UGLY AFFAIR

Women in beauty contests are treated like specimens in a meat market. Their appearance is the only thing that matters. If they can conform properly to the artificial standards imposed on them by male voyeurs, they are rewarded. Not for their intelligence, not for their character or virtue- they are judged solely on their physical features. For the chance to wear the crown and the title "MISS" for a year, contestants will go to great lengths to meet the impossible standards of beauty imposed on them. They will virtually starve themselves to fit the "correct" form. They will try to package themselves like boxes of cereal or detergent, at the expense of their own inner selves. The entire process is silly, degrading, and false.

VOCABULARIES:

specimen -an example regarded as typical of its class

conform- to act or be in accord or agreement; comply

voyeurs-: a viewer who enjoys seeing the sex acts or sex organs of others

virtue- moral excellence and righteousness; goodness

solely- alone; singly: *solely responsible*.

augment- to makes (something already developed or well under way) greater, as in size, extent, or quantity

Questions for discussion:

- 1) What are your criteria of beauty?
- 2) Who enjoys beauty contest the most, a man or a woman?
- 3) Who complain the most about them?
- 4) How important looks in real life?