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 Prove your idea with at least 2 quotes from the text.   
4. Do you think his perceptions of her are accurate? Explain.  
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 How does he convey this perspective to you as the reader?  
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