



Women in the 1950's (11.11.3)

Background:

During the Second World War many of the nations women went into the workforce to fill the openings left behind when many of the men went off to war. After the war most women left those jobs and returned to the traditional role of wife and homemaker. The image of a woman at home taking care of the family was promoted in the various media outlets.

Prompt:

Is the image of the happy 1950's housewife accurate?

Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least five pieces of evidence from the documents, background reading, and additional research on the image of the housewife of the 1950's versus the reality for women in the 1950's.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate at least two additional pieces of evidence from the documents and/or your research that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.