

The Roles of Women

Grade 4

The following question is based on the accompanying documents (1 - 6). Some of these have been edited for the purpose of this task. This question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. As you analyze the documents, take into account both the source of the document and the author's point of view.

Directions:

- ◆ Write a well organized essay that includes an introduction with a topic sentence that answers the essay question (or thesis statement), a body with several paragraphs explaining and supporting your answer and a conclusion.
- ◆ Analyze the documents
- ◆ Use evidence from documents to support your answer
- ◆ Include specific related outside information.

Historic Background:

The role of women has changed greatly since colonial times. Women did not receive the same treatment and opportunities as men.

Task:

For Part A, read **each** document carefully and answer the question or questions after each document. Then read the directions for Part B and write your essay.

For Part B, use your answers from Part A, information from the documents, and your knowledge of social studies to write a well organized essay. In the essay you should:

Tell how the role of women has changed since colonial times?

Document 1:

Women in colonial times were expected to be mothers and homemakers. This woman was made fun of when she tried to take on the male job of being a soldier.



Those Remarkable Women of the American Revolution – Karen Zeinert

1. According to the picture how did people in colonial times feel about women in the army?

Document 2:

The Struggle for Women's Rights

Elizabeth Cady Stanton grew up in Johnstown, New York. Later in life, she remembered how hard she worked in school. She hoped “some day to hear my father say: “Well, a girl is as good as a boy, after all.” But he never said it. “This only made Stanton more determined to study. Yet she was not allowed to go to college because she was a girl.

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suffrage in 1869. Women finally got the right to vote more than 50 years later, in 1920.

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Elizabeth Cady Stanton (top left) and Susan B. Anthony (right) led the fight for women's suffrage. In May 1912, women in New York City (above) marched for the right to vote.

New York Adventures in Time and Place

1. How have opportunities in education changed for women?

Document 3:

In recent years, major changes have taken place in the status of American women. Only about 30 percent of American women were working outside of the home in 1950. By 1980, 53 percent were part of the paid work force.



Source: Land of Liberty – A United States History, Holt, Rinehart, Winston

1. According to the document how is a women’s role changing in the work force?

Document 4:

“The American History Herald - August 27, 1920



“The American History Herald”

1. According to the document, what important right did all women in the United States gain in 1920's?

Document 5:

Geraldine Ferraro



New York Adventures in Time and Place

1. In the twentieth century what was Geraldine Ferraro able to accomplish?

Part B:

Directions: Using the documents, the answers to the questions in Part A, and your knowledge of social studies, write a well-organized essay about the role of women.

In your essay, remember to:

- ◆ Tell how the role of women has changed since colonial times?
- ◆ Include an introduction, body and a conclusion
- ◆ Include details, examples, or reasons to develop your ideas
- ◆ Use the information from the documents in your answer.
