

# Women in the 1950's

## Document Based Question (DBQ)

*“Is the image of the happy 1950s housewife accurate? Why or why not?”*

**HS.12 – Construct & Defend an Argument**



### DBQ RUBRIC

<b>2</b>	<u>C &amp; D</u> Author Source Date	<u>C &amp; D</u> 5 – 8 pieces of evidence each	<u>C-</u> 1 feeling <u>D-</u> 3-5 feelings	<b>Final Claim –</b> <b>Attempted</b> an explanation, but lacked evidence
<b>3</b>	<u>C &amp; D</u> Author Source Date	<u>C &amp; D</u> 5 – 8 pieces of evidence each	<u>C-</u> 1 feeling <u>D-</u> 3-5 feelings	Final Claim – Includes at least <i>2 pieces</i> of evidence with <i>explanation</i>
<b>4</b>	<u>C &amp; D</u> Author Source Date	<u>C &amp; D</u> 5 – 8 pieces of evidence each	<u>C-</u> 1 feeling <u>D-</u> 3-5 feelings	Final Claim – includes at least <i>4 pieces</i> <i>of evidence</i> with <i>explanation</i>

	Source: Author Date	What were suburban women <i>doing</i> ? (Provide evidence to support your answer)	How did they <i>feel</i> ? (Provide evidence to support your answer)
<b>Document A</b>  <b>In-class w/Mr. Parker</b>	<i>Journal of Am. History</i> Joanne Meyerowitz March 1993	-Voting (¶ 2) -Office Holding -Raising voice for new, better laws -Evening meal -Spring housecleaning	1947 and 1949:  -Top 4 women in politics were the most admired (¶ 1)  -Individual achievement and Public Service as important as home and family (¶ 3)
<b>Document B</b>  <b>In-class w/a partner</b>	<i>Out to Work</i> Alice Kessler 2003	-1950: wives earned 21.6% income -1960: wives earned 30.5% income  -Full and part-time earned 26% of income	-Afraid of not having money \$\$ (¶ 1) - homes, cars, refrigerators, washing machines, telephones multiple televisions required higher incomes  -Had to go to work (¶ 1)

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<b>Document C</b>  <b>In-class ON YOUR OWN</b>			
<b>Document D</b>  <b>In-class ON YOUR OWN</b>			

**Final Claim: Is the image of the happy 1950s housewife accurate? Why or why not? Use 2-4 pieces of evidence to support your claim.**

¶ #1:

The image of the 1950's happy housewife is (accurate/not accurate) because \_\_\_\_\_ .

One of the reasons is \_\_\_\_\_ .

¶ #2:

Another reason that this article shows that housewives in the 1950's were (happy/unhappy) is

\_\_\_\_\_ .

In this article it says \_\_\_\_\_ .

**You need to find 3-4 pieces  
of evidence to support your argument!**