Sample Paper Outline

Research paper assignment: Discuss media portrayals of women

Paper topic: Representations of Single Mothers in Chatelaine, Homemaker and MS

Introduction

Common issues discussed when focusing on single mothers

- Financial stresses
- Coping techniques
- Relationships with the opposite sex
- Effects on children

The image/s a magazine chooses to portray

Popular notion of single mom as hero: Chatelaine & Homemaker
Highs and lows: trying to find balance: MS

Impression left on reader of single mothers
(Common issues + image portrayal)

Chatelaine
Homemaker OR
MS

Financial stresses
Coping techniques
Relationships with the opposite sex
Effects on children

Conclusion

The importance of balanced reporting
The influence of visuals
The importance of a critical reader