

STUDENT WKST #1 – Background on the Image of American Womanhood at the close of the 20th century.

A. Introductory Learning Activities –

1. Students will be placed in groups of 4 and given various articles to read on the images of women in American culture. They will then discuss their articles and their own thoughts on the image of women. Each group will record their findings and thoughts and report their conclusions to the entire class.

Reviving Ophelia Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls

by Mary Pipher, Ph.D. *Reviving Ophelia* excerpt

<http://www.therapeuticresources.com/0345392825sample.html>

Why are There so Few Female Computer Scientists? © 1991 Ellen Spertus

How to Evaluate the Media Images of Women by Linda Seger

<http://www.ai.mit.edu/people/ellens/Gender/pap/pap.html>

Images Of Women online resource from Houghton Mifflin

http://college.hmco.com/history/readerscomp/women/html/wh_017100_imagesofwo me.htm

Rebecca Zarcgikoff's Home Page

<http://www.finearts.uvic.ca/~rzarchik/employed.html>

Questions for discussion and reporting: (See WKST #1)

- What is the thesis/main idea of your reading?
- How does this thesis/main idea link to the imaging of women in American culture?
- What passage(s) would you as most supportive of this link?
- What are your thoughts on the validity of this reading and its theory?
- How do all of these articles link together?
- What application do these links have to the issue of the image of women in American culture?

2. Report each group's findings and ideas to the class as a whole. Be prepared to hand in the typed answers to the above questions.

