SAMPLE Unit 8 Women in the Workplace Assignment

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**Unit 8 Assignment instructions**

**The Workplace: 1960 to Present**

For this Assignment, you will consider the impact of the second and third waves of feminism on women’s opportunities in the public sector. In some cases, the impact could be the opportunities for promotion and / or management roles; in others, this could be the ability to enter fields in which women were less likely to be present, such as scientific research, IT, the military, etc.

For this assignment, you will explore the experiences of women in the public sector by conducting an interview with a woman who is currently employed. After conducting your interview, you will share your own workplace experiences as well as those of your interview subject, in combination with connections to the Unit 8 Reading. The goal of this Assignment is to determine how individual experiences in the public sector reflect the challenges and successes of the second and third waves of feminism between 1963 and present.

**Interviews:**

Select one woman employed (in any field) and ask her about her workplace experiences. Your interview subject could be a female coworker, family member, friend, neighbor, or a total stranger, who is currently employed, and interview this woman about her experiences in the workplace. You should create at least 5 interview questions to ask your interview subject. Be prepared to ask follow-up questions if you would like additional information. For example, you may wish to ask questions related to your interview subject’s career history, impressions of upward mobility, or pay scales.

**Essay:**

* Begin with an introduction in which you address the significance of improved opportunities in the public sector for women between 1960 and present, including employment legislation and entrance into previously off-limit fields.
* Introduce the individual you are interviewing and explain why you chose her for the interview. Then, you will summarize her replies and highlight her experiences in the workforce. Consider the following when you address her experiences: What were your interview subject’s observations regarding changes in the workforce in recent decades? How have these changes impacted her personally? How have these changes impacted her family?
* Address your own experiences in the workforce, and address the same considerations you addressed for the assessment of both interviews. Compare your experiences in the workforce with those of your interview subject. How are your experiences different from, or similar to, those of your interview subject?
* Connect the Unit 8 reading. What has been the impact of employment legislation, in your perspective, on the workplace between 1963 and present? Address why learning about the history of women’s experiences in the workforce is useful.
* Include a conclusion to summarize your points.

Word Count:

The Assignment should be at least 500 words, and should employ connections to the Unit 8 Reading material. You should follow the Unit 8 Assignment template in Course Documents.

APA formatting:

Connections to the Unit 8 Reading material are required for this Assignment. Be sure to include APA parenthetical citations and references; formatting for citations and reference entries should follow the APA 6th edition style guide, which is available under Content / Academic Tools via the APA Style Central link.

Submit the Assignment to the Unit 8 Dropbox when it is complete.

**Assignment Tips:**

**Remember to include APA formatting (citations and references).**

**Interview:**

* Select one woman currently employed in the workforce to interview.
* Ask your interview subject at least five questions about her experiences in the workforce.
  + For example, you may wish to ask questions related to your interview subject’s career history, impressions of upward mobility, or pay scales.

**The Unit 8 Assignment should address the following:**

* Begin with an introduction. Address the significance of improved opportunities in the public sector for women between 1960 and present, including employment legislation and entrance into previously off-limit fields.
* Interview subject introduction: Introduce the individual you are interviewing and explain why you chose her for the interview. Summarize her replies and highlight her experiences in the workforce. \*You are not required to submit the interview transcript for this Unit 8 assignment.
* Connect your own experiences in the workforce: Describe your own experiences in the workforce, and address the same considerations you addressed for the assessment of both interviews. Compare your experiences in the workforce with those of your interview subject. How are your experiences different from, or similar to, those of your interview subject?
* Unit 8 Reading material connections: What has been the impact of employment legislation, in your perspective, on the workplace between 1963 and present? Address why learning about the history of women’s experiences in the workforce is useful.
* Conclusion: Summarize your points.

**Paragraphs:** Use paragraphs as part of your Assignment, including an introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion

**Word Count:** This Assignment should be at least 500 words.

**Citations and References:** The Unit 8 Assignment requires the incorporation of terminology and ideas from the Unit 8 reading material. As such, you must include citations in the Unit 8 Assignment and at least one reference entry on the references page of your Assignment.

**Checklist:**

**□ Did you include essay format?** (an introductory paragraph with a thesis statement, supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion)

**□ Did you include 500 words?** This essay should be 500 words. The word count does not include the title page and the references page.

**□ Did you include parenthetical citations?** This Assignment requires that you include connections to the course text through citations and references. Follow the APA style of writing when formatting the essay, the citations, and the references included on the references page. Formatting for citations and reference entries should follow the APA 6th edition style guide, available under Content / Academic Tools via the APA Style Central link.

**□ Did you include a references page?** This essay requires you to reference your textbook as your main source. If you opt to use other credible sources that support your main points of discussion, these must be included in the references section (and cited in the Assignment).

SAMPLE References

Dubois, E. C. & Dumenil, L. (2019). *Through Women's Eyes: An American History with Documents* (Fifth edition). Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martins.