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Two Perspectives on Family: “Women & the Future of Fatherhood” and “Stone Soup”

Annotation Tasks

Read each piece carefully and critically. For **BOTH** pieces, annotate for the following items as you read.

- Rhetorical situation--Speaker, Purpose, Audience, Context, & Exigence
- Thesis or thesis statement
- Which method(s) of development are used
- Track the line of reasoning throughout the argument (how does the writer develop her argument?)

For “Women and the Future of Fatherhood,” annotate for the following:

- What does the author see as the relationship between fatherhood and marriage? How does she develop this claim?
- What claim does the author make as to the reasons why so many parents get divorced? How does she develop this claim?
- What does the author claim are some solutions for the deterioration of traditional parental roles? How does she develop these claims?
- What method of development does the author use for this piece, and how is this choice effective compared to other potential methods of development?

For “Stone Soup,” annotate for the following:

- How does the author develop her claim that nontraditional family are judged harshly by society?
- What does the author claim causes divorce, and how does she develop this claim?
- How does the author develop her claim that nontraditional families are “facts of our time”?
- How does the author challenge the notion of the “paper doll” family?
- What method of development does the author use for this piece, and how is this choice effective compared to other potential methods of development?

Discussion Questions

Prepare for class discussion by writing out a few questions about the ideas within the readings or the author’s choices in the spaces below:

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