

## Questions for Excerpts from *The Feminine Mystique*

### Remember/Knowledge

1. What role(s) provided fulfillment for most women during the 1950's?
2. What was the purpose of attending college, according to Betty Friedan?
3. Although most women did not work outside of the home, those who did pursued what type of jobs?
4. How is the "American housewife" defined?

### Understand

5. Explain what you think the author means by the "Feminine Mystique?"

### Apply

6. Write a first person journal entry about a day in the life of a woman living in the 1950's.

### Analyze

7. Create a chart or a Venn diagram where you compare the life of a woman in the 1950's with a woman living in the late 1960's, after the beginning of the "Women's Liberation Movement."

### Evaluate

8. Agree or disagree with the following statement and offer at least 3 reasons why.
  - The role assigned to women during the 1950's was a natural outgrowth of the Post-WWII era.

(Hint: Read the secondary source, "Housewife" or Career Woman: The Changing Roles of Women in WWII and Beyond")

### Create

9. Design a timeline of at least 10 events that chronicle the history of American women from 1940-1980. Make sure you include political, economic, and social/cultural events that you believe impacted the role of women throughout this time period. Under each event, state the way that it impacted women.