

Literary Analysis

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

A literary work’s **historical context** is the events and social conditions that inspired its creation. Often, the work could not be written in any other place or time than the one that influenced it.

Directions: In the second column of the chart, record details from “Female Orations” that reflect each of the social conditions listed in the first column.

Social Condition	Details from “Female Orations”
Women’s lack of political rights	
Limited educational opportunities for women	
Role of women in the family	
Characteristics and behavior considered “normal” for women	

FEMALE ORATIONS