

Reading Check

Directions: Read over the arguments in “Female Orations.” Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. Why does the first speaker compare the plight of women to that of beasts?

2. Why does the second speaker think that women’s efforts to improve their lot will be fruitless?

3. What connection is made between conversation and intelligence?

4. The sixth speaker compares imitating the gods with men. What point is she making?

5. According to the seventh speaker, one of the main advantages women have is beauty. What does she consider it an advantage?
