

from A VINDICATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN

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Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

*For questions 1–3, see page 727 of the Student Edition.***Directions:** Answer each question.

- 4. Analyze Argument** Circle the claim that Wollstonecraft makes in her essay.
- a. Women’s education is well suited to the needs of being good wives and mothers.
 - b. Women are intellectually and physically stunted because their education is inadequate.
 - c. Women are weaker than men and should not be held to the same educational standards.

5. Understand Historical Context

In the essay, which ideas about women were considered modern? _____

Which ideas about women were more like views that were held in the 18th century? _____

- 6. Interpret Figurative Language** Reread lines 11–15. How are women like “flowers planted in too rich a soil”?

- 7. Evaluate Counterarguments** A **counterargument** is an argument made to oppose (or counter) another argument. Write a counterargument that Wollstonecraft makes to each of the following viewpoints.

Rousseau’s view that women should be raised to be pleasing: _____

Dr. Gregory’s advice that women should hide their exuberance: _____
