Sample Paper Outline

Research paper assignment: Discuss media portrayals of women

Paper topic: Representations of Single Mothers in Chatelaine, Homemaker and MS

Introduction

Common issues discussed when focusing on single mothers
- Financial stresses
- Coping techniques
- Relationships with the opposite sex
- Effects on children

The image/s a magazine chooses to portray
- Popular notion of single mom as hero: Chatelaine & Homemaker
- Highs and lows: trying to find balance: MS

Impression left on reader of single mothers
(Common issues + image portrayal)
- Chatelaine – Financial stresses
- Homemaker – Coping techniques
- MS – Relationships with the opposite sex and effects on children

Conclusion
- The importance of balanced reporting
- The influence of visuals
- The importance of a critical reader