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 partners
   Effects on children

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

Impression of single mothers left on reader
   (Common issues + image portrayal)

   Chatelaine       Financial stresses
   Homemaker    OR    Coping techniques
   MS            OR    Relationships with partners
   OR                      Effects on children

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