

Assessing with Primary Sources

Grade Level: Grade 6

Standard(s) or Objectives: CCSS. RI.6.1- Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Resource Used:



Really good careers, April 3rd, 2012 Barry Posted in Economic Cartoons.

Specific Pages Used: <http://leftycartoons.com/2012/04/03/really-good-careers/>

Topic Background:

The U.S. Constitution does not guarantee equal rights for women. Since 1923, activists have been trying to pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which states, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." As ERA advocates at the Alice Paul Institute put it, without the ERA, the Constitution does not explicitly guarantee that the rights it protects are held equally by all citizens without regard to sex. Without the ERA, women and occasionally men have to fight long, expensive and difficult legal battles to prove that their rights are equal to those of the other sex.

Excerpted from: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tabby-biddle/wait-women-dont-have-equa_b_6098120.html

Source(s) Used:

The cartoon shows a woman holding a child's hand, in a fairly dismal-looking city area, standing on a sidewalk at the entrance to a building. Above the entrance is a sign that says "Really Good Careers." To the right of the entrance, a smaller sign says "An equal opportunity employer." The entrance is shaped like a male silhouette; it seems apparent that the woman and her child could not fit through the entrance.

Answer Key:

The entrance which is shaped like a man silhouette is indicative of the fact that the jobs are only provided for men and there is no place for women and children. Also, the dull and gloomy atmosphere of the city as well as the signs that read "Really Good Careers" and "An equal opportunity employer" show that women do not have an equal position in the society where all good jobs and employment opportunities belong to men.

Directions: Circle two (2) specific parts of the image that could be used as evidence to support the claim below. For each part of the image you circled, explain how it supports the claim.
(CCSS.6.1)



Claim: According to this cartoon, women do not have the same career opportunities as men.

1. _____

2. _____
