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**Assignment: Unit 3, 2nd Wave Feminism**

Due via e-mail.

**Note:** These questions are strictly designed to ensure that you are keeping up with the readings. Consequently, your answers need not include analysis or background information.

**Instructions:** Copy the questions below and paste them into the body of an email. Type in answers, proofread, run spell check, then send in your work.

1. According to Betty Freidan in “[The Feminine Mystique](https://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/philosophy/works/us/friedan.htm)”: The fact is that to Freud, even more than to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today, women were a strange, inferior, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ species. He saw them as childlike dolls, who existed in terms only of man’s love, to love man and serve his needs. It was the same kind of unconscious solipsism that made man for many centuries see the sun only as a bright object that revolved around the earth. Freud grew up with this attitude built in by his culture – not only the culture of Victorian Europe, but that Jewish culture in which men said the daily prayer: ‘I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,’ and women prayed in submission: ‘I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou has created me according to Thy will.’
2. From [NOW’s Statement of Purpose](http://now.org/about/history/statement-of-purpose/): Although \_\_\_\_% of all American women between the ages of 18 and 65 now work outside the home, the overwhelming majority -- \_\_\_\_% -- are in routine clerical, sales, or factory jobs, or they are household workers, cleaning women, hospital attendants. About two-thirds of Negro women workers are in the lowest paid service occupations. Working women are becoming increasingly -- not less -- concentrated on the bottom of the job ladder. As a consequence full-time women workers today earn on the average only \_\_% of what men earn, and that wage gap has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the past twenty-five years in every major industry group.
3. In a few sentences, describe the tone and approach of [Jerry Linsker’s *Daily News* article](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/primary-resources/stonewall-queen-bees/) on what has come to be known as the Stonewall Uprising.
4. From “[Women’s Liberation Aims to Free Men, Too](http://cdm15957.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15957coll6/id/746)”: Blacks and women suffer from the same myths of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, much less white men; limited job skills; identity as sex objects, and so on. Ever since slaves arrived on these shores and were given the legal status of wives — that is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_— our legal reforms have followed on each other's heels —with women, I might add, still lagging considerably behind.
5. From “[Women’s Liberation Aims to Free Men, Too](http://cdm15957.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15957coll6/id/746)”: The truth is that a woman with a college degree working full time makes less than a black man with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working full time. And black women make least of all. In many parts of the country — New York City, for instance—a woman has no legally guaranteed right to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She can be refused simply because of her sex.
6. From “Women’s Liberation Aims to Free Men, Too”: The family system that will emerge is a great subject of anxiety. Probably there will be a variety of choices. Colleague marriages, such as young people have now, with both partners going to law-school or the Peace Corps together, is one alternative. At least they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Communes; marriages that are valid for the child-rearing years only—there are many possibilities.
7. In your own words, summarize the Supreme Court’s ruling in [*Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson*](http://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-supreme-court/477/57.html).

**Extra credit:** Name a standing Supreme Court ruling that explicitly permits discrimination on the basis of sex.