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## American History Unit 18 – The New Deal Women in American Society Essay

**Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president ever to appoint a woman to a Cabinet post. Use the class notes & discussions along with library research to prepare a 500 – 750 word essay in which you discuss women who have held Cabinet-level positions and form an opinion/thesis about the topic. In addition, include information such as: what were their backgrounds? What did they accomplish as Cabinet members? Were they considered successful? In your essay, identify the political contributions of women in American society as well. Be sure to use proper citation format and include a separate bibliography page.

	Possible Points	Your Points
<b>Introduction:</b> It should engage the reader's interest, state your thesis and introduce the major points you will be making.	15	
<b>Body Paragraphs 2 - 5:</b> It should contain a topic sentence that goes to prove your thesis. It should use specific details, explanations, examples, and quotations to support the topic sentence. It has only one main idea and does not repeat what is said elsewhere. Your point and supporting evidence demonstrate knowledge of the period. Transitional devices connect the paragraphs.	15	
<b>Body Paragraphs 5 - 10:</b> It should contain a topic sentence that goes to prove your thesis. It should use specific details, explanations, examples, and quotations to support the topic sentence. It has only one main idea and does not repeat what is said elsewhere. Your point and supporting evidence demonstrate knowledge of the period. Transitional devices connect the paragraphs.	15	
<b>Body Paragraphs 11 - 15:</b> It should contain a topic sentence that goes to prove your thesis. It should use specific details, explanations, examples, and quotations to support the topic sentence. It has only one main idea and does not repeat what is said elsewhere. Your point and supporting evidence demonstrate knowledge of the period. Transitional devices connect the paragraphs.	15	
<b>Conclusion:</b> It should reestablish your thesis, summarize and/or evaluate your main points and end with a powerful finish.	15	
<b>Style and Mechanics:</b> You should employ accurate, appropriate language and well-designed sentences. You should avoid spelling, punctuation, and grammar/usage errors.	25	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	100	

**Notes:**

- ✓ You will receive five points per day extra credit that your paper is early (maximum: ten points)
- ✓ You will lose twenty points per day that your paper is late.
- ✓ Your paper must be double-spaced with a 10 - 12 pt. font or you will lose 5 points.
- ✓ This rubric must be stapled on top of your paper or you will lose 5 points.