Women in American society during the ninetieth century

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In the early 19th century, women in American society had specific and limited roles such as general homemakers. They were also involved in providing free manual labor on the farms to assist their families. However, there was a shift in their roles after World War I and the industrial revolution. This essay will analyze women’s roles in the United States during the nineteenth century and the effect of these roles on their standard of living.

Sojourner Truth is one such activist of the nineteenth century that was an itinerant preacher and public speaker. She advocated for women's rights and is known for her impulsively fervent reply to Frederick Douglass's 1847 suggestion [[1]](#footnote-1). Moreover, Harriet Beecher Stowe published her novel in 1852, “Uncle Tom's Cabin; or, Life Among the Lowly”. Stowe used her sentimental novel to show the reality of slavery at that time [[2]](#footnote-2). The novel was so powerful that it started the civil war that was a major turning point in improvising women life in American society.

Likewise, Mary Ames also wrote a book, “From a New England Woman's Diary in Dixie in 1865” to show the experiences of women in the nineteenth century [[3]](#footnote-3). Mary Boykin Miller Chesnut's a Diary from Dixie is another effort to share the experiences during the Civil War [[4]](#footnote-4).

In addition, the American Revolution also shaped the roles of women in society [[5]](#footnote-5). It was not only a war for national independence but was a struggle to address the issues of equality and constitutional rights in the society.

During the 19th century with the increase in demand, women were required to enter into the workforce. This provided them a chance to have gender equality in the United States. Therefore, during the 19th-century women got many new roles in the United States that also improved their lives.

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