

To Be a Slave by Julius Lester

Passage or Quotation from the Text

"...the men who fastened the irons on these mothers took the children and threw them over the side of the ship into the water."

Student Response

I can't imagine how any human could do this to innocent children... (reaction)

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

Passage or Quotation from the Text

"Their hands were a maze of cuts, and each cut represented a chance for blood poisoning."

Student Response

Did the workers continue to work with bleeding hands? (question)

Today we see widespread diseases transmitted through blood. (comment)

Yes, through such unsanitary conditions people could easily become sick. (analysis)

The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan

Passage or Quotation from the Text

"By the end of the fifties, the United States birth rate was overtaking India's... Statisticians were especially astounded at the fantastic increase in the number of babies among college women."

Student Response

I think the values in the 1950's centered around marriage, the home, and children. We learned that many married women only worked part time and did not value careers. I also think the big family was part of the feminine mystique. (reaction)