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Reading Guide for:

“Duty of American Females” by Catherine Beecher

CQ#3: How did this spiritual reawakening manifest itself in a variety of reform movements?
b. What were the key arguments, controversies and methods of the Women’s rights movement?

Instructions: Read Catharine Beecher on the “Duty of American Females.” Highlight text as appropriate. Make marginal notations next to passages relevant to prompts. Provide thoughtful written responses to the following prompts.

(1) *What is this source? Who was Catherine Beecher? What kind of source is this? (A letter, speech, journal entry?) Who is the audience? What is the context?*

(2) According to the editor (from the intro), how did abolitionism affect women?

(3) Why does Beecher think it “unwise and inexpedient for ladies of the non-slave-holding states to united themselves in Abolition Societies?”

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(4) According to Beecher, why has “heaven...appointed to one sex the superior and to the other the subordinate station...?”

(5) According to Beecher, is it appropriate for a woman to exert influence in society? If so, how? If not, why not?

(6) How is the issue of education relevant to Beecher’s discussion of the role of women in Abolitionism?

(7) What is Beecher’s position on slavery and abolition?