



THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN EDUCATION IN VICTORIAN ENGLAND

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Abstract

It is a well known fact that women were seen as inferior to men in most areas of the life in Victorian England. They were only expected to be good wives and mothers at home. They were taught to be 'angels of their houses'. Most women obeyed the rules of dominant culture while some strived to have jobs outside their homes. Despite the oppression of the patriarchal social structure on women, they could have occupations, such as teaching positions at schools. This study focuses on their role in education, the double standards shown to them in work choices and salary. To know what Victorian women teachers experienced during their work lives is of significance in terms of understanding the social positions they take in today's world.

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