WOMEN'S STATUS IN MID 19TH-CENTURY ENGLAND  
Honors Language Arts 10A

Read the information provided at the following web site (it’s interesting, I promise ☺):

<http://www.hastingspress.co.uk/history/overview.html>

A women’s role in the household was very different than it is present day. Rather than be considered equal, women were expected to be submissive and had little or no chance of being successful on their own. Divorce was unobtainable for most women.

While our opinions may differ on whether this lifestyle was acceptable or not, divorce was almost unheard of during this time. Today, married adults now divorce two-and-a-half times as often as adults did 20 years ago and four times as often as they did 50 years ago... between 40% and 60% of *new* marriages will eventually end in divorce (Williams, Sawyer, and Wahlstrom, 2005).

Given this information, consider divorce rates in the 19th century versus those present day. Do you believe that a women’s role in society today has contributed to the increase in divorce rates? Take a stance on this issue and provide 3 reasons to back up your argument. One paragraph should be your introduction, along with a thesis statement. The second paragraph should provide an explanation of your first thesis reason. Each paragraph must have 4-5 complete sentences.

FCA’s

Hook and focus statement 10 points

Clear position on argument with 3 reasons 10 points  
   
Body paragraph focused on first reason 10 points/-2

TOTAL 30 points

Reasonable best effort=complete sentences with proper punctuation and spelling.