

Outline

Prescribed question:

Power and privilege: "How and why is a social group represented in a particular way?"

Title of text for analysis:

Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich. New York: Henry Holt, 2001. 51-119. Print.

Task is related to course section:

Part 3: Literature – texts and contexts

Task focus:

This essay focuses on Ehrenreich's portrayal of women and women's roles in *Nickel and Dimed*.

The essay claims that Ehrenreich demonstrates that working women, while being ostensibly 'liberated' by their 'professional' status, are in fact reduced to even more subservient domesticity in the workplace.

The essay explores the language Ehrenreich uses, and demonstrates how the language chosen to describe clients, co-workers and Ehrenreich herself underlines the domesticity forced on low paid female workers.