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After the American Revolution, the war brought the women out of their homes by being involved in protest movements such as boycotting and by the 1800s, the "republican motherhood" and "cult of domesticity" emerged as a society's expectation of womanhood. The society expected women to educate their children at their homes and to be a supporter of their husbands. However, only a minor amount of women were educated enough to reach the society's expectation and most of the middleclass women were working in factories by the 1830s.

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Therefore, only educated, wealthy women were able to achieve the expectation and promote to gain social equality while the middleclass and slave women had to work continuously and couldn't apply the ideals to their life.

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For wealthy women, the "republican motherhood" and "cult of domesticity" helped them gain social equality by promoting education for women. In the revolution, women joined the boycotts by not drinking tea and by knitting their own clothes (Document A). A wealthy woman named Sarah Morris Mifflin showed her participation of boycotting by having a portrait of herself spinning her own thread rather than using British thread. Later on, they began to call out for equality that women need to be educated in order to embrace the ideals of "republican womanhood" and "cult of domesticity". The Benjamin Rush's statement that "ladies should be qualified to a certain degree by a peculiar and suitable education, to concur in instructing their sons..." (Document B) expanded support for women's educational opportunities. Unlike Rush, Margaret Fuller did not support education on women but wanted women to "live freely and unpeded," which she believed it will be "fit for any and every relation to which it may be called" and supported the freedom of women (Document E). The wealthy and middleclass women gladly embraced the idea of "republican motherhood" and "cult of domesticity" because it was a great opportunity to challenge the separate spheres and traditional roles which Margaret Fuller saw it

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