Today's Family

Changes in the American Family

Activity A

Section 14:1

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American families have faced challenges and changes throughout history. Review the "Trends in American Family Life" section on pages 305–309 in the text. In the space provided, compare and contrast family life during the following eras: colonial, industrial revolution, and technological age.

The Colonial Family

1. Identify the type of work that fueled the economy during this era. Describe the relationship between the worker and other workers in society.

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2. Identify the roles of the mother.

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3. Identify the roles of the father.

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4. Identify the roles of children in the family.

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5. Describe the roles of extended family members.

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The Family in the Industrial Revolution

6. Identify the type of work that fueled the economy during this era. Describe the relationship between the worker and other workers in the society.

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7. Identify the roles of the mother.

8. Identify the roles of the father.

9. Identify the roles of children in the family.

10. Describe the roles of extended family members.

The Family in the Technological Age

11. Identify the type of work that fuels the economy during this era. Describe the relationship between the worker and other workers in the society.

12. Identify the roles of the mother.

13. Identify the roles of the father.


15. Describe the roles of extended family members.

The Changing Family

16. In what ways has family living changed for the better over time?

17. In what ways has family living become more difficult?

18. What can people learn from families in the past to help prepare for possible future changes?