



Atatürk & Women's Rights (10.6.2)

Background:

The First World War ended for the Ottoman Empire in 1918, the victorious nations soon began to dismantle what was left of the empire. The region fell into war again, between 1919-1923 General Mustafa Kemal led the movement to create an independent Turkey. With that goal reached Kemal took the title Atatürk, meaning Father Turk. In his time as president of Turkey he instituted many changes and reforms to make Turkey a more modern nation based around a Western model.

Prompt:

Did Atatürk's reforms actually improve the status of women in Turkey?

Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least four pieces of evidence from the documents, background reading, and additional research on the changes made by Atatürk.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate at least two additional pieces of evidence from the documents and/or your research that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.