Central Historical Question

• Did Ataturk’s reforms actually improve the status of women in Turkey?
  – Partner Up
  – One piece of paper for the two of you
  – Should hear discussions about the questions
  – Take turns writing down the answers to the questions
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• Read Document A
• 1.
  – a) What kind of document is this?
  – b) When was it written?
• 2. Allen says the emancipation of women has occurred in Atatürk’s Turkey. What specific changes does he see as evidence of their emancipation?
• 3. According to Allen, did Atatürk’s reforms actually improve the status of women in Turkey? Explain.
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• Read Document B
• 1.
  – a) What kind of document is this?
  – b) When was it written?
• 2. According to Atatürk, how has Turkish society treated women? What does he see as the possible problems with this type of treatment?
• 3. What was happening in Turkey in 1923?
• 4. How might this historical context help explain why Atatürk spoke about science, technology, and the division of labor?
• 5. According to Atatürk, what status should women have in Turkish society?
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• Read Document C

• 1.
  – a) What kind of document is this?
  – b) When was it written?

• 2. According to Atatürk, why had being a good mother always been the most important virtue for Turkish women?

• 3. Compare Atatürk’s views about motherhood here with what he says about women’s equality in Document B. Do you think his views in the two documents match? Why or why not?
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• Read Document D
• 1. According to Sertel, did Atatürk’s reforms actually improve the status of women in Turkey? Explain.
• 2. Why is this a useful piece of evidence for understanding the status of women in Turkey during Atatürk’s rule?
• 3. This is a reply to a single letter to a woman’s magazine in Turkey. How might that affect its reliability as evidence about women’s status in Turkey during Atatürk’s rule?
• 4. Compare Sertel’s advice column to Documents A-C. How are they similar in regard to the status of women and how are they different?
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• Read Document E
• 1. Why might this be a useful piece of evidence for understanding the status of women in Turkey under Atatürk’s rule?
• 2. Why might this be a less useful piece of evidence for understanding the status of women in Turkey under Atatürk’s rule?
• 3. According to Tekell, did Atatürk’s reforms actually improve the status of women in Turkey? Explain.
• 4. In what ways do Şirin Tekeli and Sabiha Sertel seem to agree about the status of women in Turkey under Atatürk?
• 5. Are there differences between Tekeli’s and Sertel’s points of view?
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• In a paragraph answer the prompt using evidence