

Base your answers to questions 10 through 12 on the letter below and on your knowledge of social studies.

September 6, 1945

Dear President Truman:

This letter is in reference to the unemployment situation on Long Island, New York. Now that the war is won and over, there are no jobs with a living wage available.

I was one of the first women to be employed by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp. back in March of 1942; now I am given to understand that the Grumman Corp. will not rehire any women in their shop.

The only jobs open to women are office jobs which pay an average wage of \$20.00 to \$22.00 a week. I happen to be a widow with a mother and son to support and no other means of income. I pay \$45.00 a month for rent exclusive of my gas and light and at the present time there is no cheaper place to rent on Long Island.

This being the conditions, I am unable to manage on a \$22.00 a week salary.

My reason for writing to you is not for pity, but I would like to know why, after serving a company in good faith for almost 3 1/2 years, is it now impossible to obtain employment with them. I am a lathe hand and was classified as skilled labor, but simply because I happen to be a woman I am not wanted.

Won't you kindly look into these matters and see that the women who are considered the head of a family get as much of an even break as the men.

Sincerely yours,
Otilie Juliet Gattuso
30 Shepherd Avenue
Lynbrook, New York

Source: National Archives

10 Which situation concerning women is the author of this letter protesting? [1]

Score

11 State **two** arguments the author of this letter gives to support her request. [2]

(1) _____

Score

(2) _____

Score

12 State **one** likely reason the Grumman Corporation would have used to justify its actions. [1]

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