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User (09:14:59):

how were womens lives impacted by the 1920s changes

User (09:16:22):

how did womens lives change in the 1920s

Assistant (09:16:23):

That's a great question! The 1920s was a fascinating period for women in Britain, with significant social, political, and economic changes. To help us explore this, let's narrow down the focus using the RICHRAB framework:

- **Reasons:** What key events or movements in the 1920s might have driven changes in women's lives? For example, how did World War I's aftermath influence opportunities for women?
- **Impact:** What effects did these changes have on women's daily lives, their roles in society, or their employment?
- **Change:** Were these changes entirely new, or did they reflect continuity with earlier trends?
- **How things worked:** What systems or institutions, like voting laws or workplace policies, shaped women's experiences during this time?
- **Responses:** How did different groups, such as the government or employers, react to these changes?
- **Attitudes:** What were public opinions about women's roles in society during this period? Did attitudes shift noticeably?
- **Beliefs:** What deeper values or ideologies influenced how women were perceived and treated in the 1920s?

You might want to look at Source 14 here - it discusses women gaining the vote in 1918 and 1928, which could provide insight into societal attitudes and institutional changes. Would you like to explore that source further?

User (09:19:00):

use richrab to analyse womens lives in the 1920s

Assistant (09:19:02):

Let's break this down using the RICHRAB framework to explore women's lives in the 1920s:

Reasons:

- Women's roles during World War I had a significant impact. Why might the war have influenced changes in employment or social expectations for women?
- The Representation of the People Act 1918 gave some women the vote, followed by the Equal Franchise Act 1928. Why were these changes introduced during this time?

Impact:

- How did gaining the vote affect women's political participation and influence in the 1920s?
- Did changes in employment opportunities, such as clerical work or factory jobs, alter women's independence or societal roles?

Change:

- Were these changes in women's lives a continuation of trends from earlier decades, or did they represent a significant break from the past?
- For example, did societal expectations around marriage and family shift during the 1920s?

How things worked:

- What role did institutions like Parliament, trade unions, or educational systems play in shaping opportunities for women?
- How did workplace policies or laws affect women's ability to enter certain professions?

Responses:

- How did men, employers, or political groups respond to the increasing visibility and participation of women in public life?
- Were there any notable movements or backlash against these changes?

Attitudes:

- What were public opinions about women's roles in the workforce, politics, or education?
- Did attitudes differ between urban and rural areas, or among different social classes?

Beliefs:

- What deeper values or ideologies shaped the way women were perceived?
- For example, did traditional beliefs about gender roles conflict with the emerging independence of women?

Which of these areas would you like to focus on first? We can also explore a specific source if you'd like to dive deeper into one aspect!

User (09:20:37):

do the documents suggest that womens lives improved or not
