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**“I Want a Wife” by Judy Brady**

Respond to each question in complete sentences. Be sure to answer all parts of the question.

1. Does this writer really want a wife as the title suggests? Or is she trying to make another point? Explain your answer.
2. How does Brady define what it means to be a ‘wife’? What services does she say a wife provides for her husband and family?
3. What do you think of Brady’s characterization of a wife and her responsibilities? Do you think she paints an accurate portrayal of wives and mothers that you know? Explain your answer.
4. This essay was first published when the women’s movement was relatively new in 1971. In your opinion, have times changed? Use evidence to support your position.
5. What do you think makes a good union in a marriage? Does a good marriage need complementary “roles” of wife and husband in the traditional sense? What does a couple need to do to make a good marriage today? Who plays what roles?

