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**Directions: Read page 68 in the textbook, then answer question 1 in preparation for our discussion.**

1. Puritans believed that a woman was created to be man’s “helpmate and subordinate”; thus, a “good wife” had to be compliant. Knowing this, explain why it is not surprising how her poetry eventually got published. How might this color her works?

*Discussion Notes:*

**Now, read *Upon the Burning of our House*, pages 69-70 in the textbook, answer question 2 and discuss questions 3-5.**

1. Many critics argue that Bradstreet’s poem shows her inner conflict with her faith while watching her house burn down. Explain what this conflict might be.

*With a partner, discuss and complete:*

1. How does she conclude the poem and make herself feel better about her loss?
2. What does this poem demonstrate about the Puritan viewpoint?
3. Create a table on the back comparing and contrasting the values of early colonists with the values of Native Americans.