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Comparison Essay

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June Cleaver and Glenda Bearden

All I have seen are re-runs of the Leave it to Beaver Show. As I have watched it over the years and aged, myself, I have come to appreciate Glenda Bearden, my mom, more. She could have played the role of June Cleaver, Beaver's mom. Mrs. Cleaver and my mom both demanded respect from their children, made each child be a responsible person, and showed complete fairness in every aspect of family life. **Both women have made a big impact on my life.**

In the Cleaver household both Wally and the Beaver were taught respect. Not just to their parents, but to each other as well as other people they might encounter. My mom raised my brothers and me in the same way. I was taught that respecting others was the golden rule and it was to be followed no matter what. I will be honest and tell you it was not the easiest rule to follow especially with my brothers. After working for the school system I realized more moms need to raise their children as my mom and June Cleaver did where respect is involved.

June and mom made sure each child has a responsibility. Just like the Beaver, I had to help around the house. If I did not carry through on whatever I was held responsible for I would not be allowed any privileges. Both parents made each child accountable for their

actions and with only a few slip ups responsibility was achieved. I can't speak for Wally and the Beaver but my mom sure made me a responsible young adult.

Besides respect and responsibility both these fine ladies taught fairness to their families. No matter what the situation or whatever the consequences were each women made sure it was a fair deal. Each child might have had a different situation, but both moms believed in being fair. Both moms went into each situation with open minds and would hear whatever the child had to say before deciding what to do about it. Both moms would share their point of view and it seems each time they would make the child see how right they were.

June Cleaver and Glenda Bearden were perfect examples of great moms. They both taught their children respect, responsibility, and fairness to apply in everyday life. I only wish more children would have the up-bringing I had and of course the Beaver had. Our world would be a better place to live in.