

Activity 2:

What changes were there for women in 1960s Britain?

1961 Contraceptive pill allowed women to access contraception and prevent pregnancy through the NHS.

What does this reveal to us about social changes in 1960s Britain?

1965 Miniskirts became high street fashion.

1967 Abortion Act allowed women to have an abortion as long as it was before 24 weeks, it was necessary for the wellbeing of the mother and/or the unborn child was at risk from severe physical or mental abnormalities. The abortion also had to be authorised by two doctors.

Were there more or fewer opportunities?

1968 Dagenham workers strike for equal pay and formation of the first **Women's Liberation group** (which aimed to get equal rights and opportunities for women).

How does this match with the idea of 'under the thumb'?

1969 Divorce Reform Act allowed divorce after a couple had been separated for two years, or five if only one party wanted a divorce.

1970 Equal Pay Act granted equal pay for men and women.