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A REVIEW ON FEMINISM AND LITERATURE

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ABSTRACT

Feminism is directly correlated to literature. There are different writers in different eras in which they've shown feminism through their novels or other works. For example- Virginia Woolf, she was a brilliant novelist as well as a philosopher, who showed us the dark side of male dominant society. In 15th and 16th century when people were far away from technology, they used a pen and paper to write down the true emotions and to free themselves from the burden of society. Especially, the suffering of women. Every human has a different perspective to think. When we talk about feminism, it doesn't matter if you are a male or female. Anyone could be a feminist but your point has to be in a right place. Back to the early age women were used as a baby machine and a servant who only knows how to handle a house. There are restrictions for women's in our society till now. Some of women are afraid to travel alone because they've never experienced that in their whole life. Every human being must have the freedom to know, to live, to laugh. If we talk about the east part of our globe, there are special rituals for women's, they can't go to temple during their mensuration cycle, they cant cook for their husband at this time.

Keyword: Feminism, Literature, Society, Modern, Fiction.

Introduction

Feminist literature is nonfiction, drama, fiction, poetry which supports the goal line of shielding equivalent civil, political, economics for females. In this modern generation, humans talk about the equality and importance of women's in society but in the real time, there are barriers in their brain about the limitations of women, barely a few people could understand the situation. In many villages old age people don't let a woman inside the kitchen because of this cycle. There was a time when electricity wasn't invented and today, we've different type of power source. Human beings have developed their skills but they forgot to change their own mind set as well as belief according to time. These are the true facts or you can say the black side of society

Feminism

In April 10 2020, I've begun with a very sensitive topic 'feminism'. If you are not familiar with this word, I would like to inform you, the equality of sexes or you can say gender. Most of the population believe that feminism stands for equality of females and somehow this is right because equality for genders is basically aimed for women's due to the bad condition of females in 19th century. Modern western feminism history is conventionally split into three waves, each with slightly different aims based on prior progress. First wave of feminism 19th and early 20th centuries focused on overturning legal inequalities, particularly addressing issues of women's suffrage. Second wave of feminism 1960s - 1980s has included cultural inequalities, gender norms, and the role of women in society. Third wave of feminism 1990s – 2000s refers to diverse strains of feminist activity, seen by third waves themselves both as a continuation of the second wave and as a response to its perceived failures.

Literature

When we talk about feminism and literature, Virginia Woolf will always be on top. When she was invited for a lecture on the topic of women and fiction. She told that, if a woman wants to write fiction, she must have money and a room of her own. One day she went to the library and searched for the books related to the daily life of women's but there's no such book which can depict that. So, she decided to reconstruct the lives of women. She stood for equality of genders.

There is a novel by Toni Morrison [published in 1970]. The bluest eye, it is a tragic story of an African American girl from an abusive home. Pecola the protagonist of the novel is 11 years old girl. She compares the beauty with whiteness. Pecola was raped multiple times by her own father and she believed that, this is all happening because of her black colour. Black male authors expressed that black is beautiful. At this period of time, black writers have written aggressively as a reminder that black is beautiful and how racism hurts the most.

Conclusion

We cannot target male or female for this, when we see a conflict around us between a male and female. We blame males first and many thinkers believe that male is the main cause behind every argument or fight but this is a false judgment. It targets a individual one which is totally against the feminism. We should try to understand the situation as well as the cause from both sides equally, for a better judgment. None of any gender is superior or powerful, every gender has a different role in society. There's no one above you and no one is beneath.

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