



Feminism

Literary Theory



What is patriarchy?

- Patriarchy is reinforced through narratives of all kinds and through social, political, economical and cultural structures.
 - Patriarchy is protected by hierarchy, authority and the fear of change.
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Sex and Gender



Tools for feminism

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- Structuralism
 - Psychoanalysis
 - Deconstruction
 - Marxism

First Wave Feminism (Women's suffrage) Late 19th century to 1920's

Emily Davison (1913)





Women's right to vote

- Great Britain 1918 (and 1928)
- New Zealand 1893
- Australia 1902
- Denmark 1915
- United States 1920
- Spain 1931
- Brazil 1932
- Turkey 1934
- France 1944
- Switzerland 1971

World War II





Second Wave Feminism 60's and 70's





Third Wave Feminism (1980s -)

- Criticism on second wave's essentialism
 - Emphasis on subjective experience
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Key Concepts





Objectification





Space (domesticity)





Oppression of Desire





Recovery





What do feminists do?

- Basically they see whether and/or how the text challenges/reconfirms/reproduces gender roles and why.
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Problems/objections/issues

- ▶ Different stages in different cultures
 - ▶ Third Wave Feminism is not widespread
 - ▶ Victimization is not a solution
 - ▶ Reverse sexism
 - ▶ Prejudice against feminists
 - ▶ Different approaches
 - ▶ Poor quality feminists (pop feminists)
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