# 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.

#### Sex and Gender

### **Tools for feminism**

- Structuralism
- Psychoanalysis
- Deconstruction
- Marxism

#### First Wave Feminism (Women's suffrage) Late 19<sup>th</sup> 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





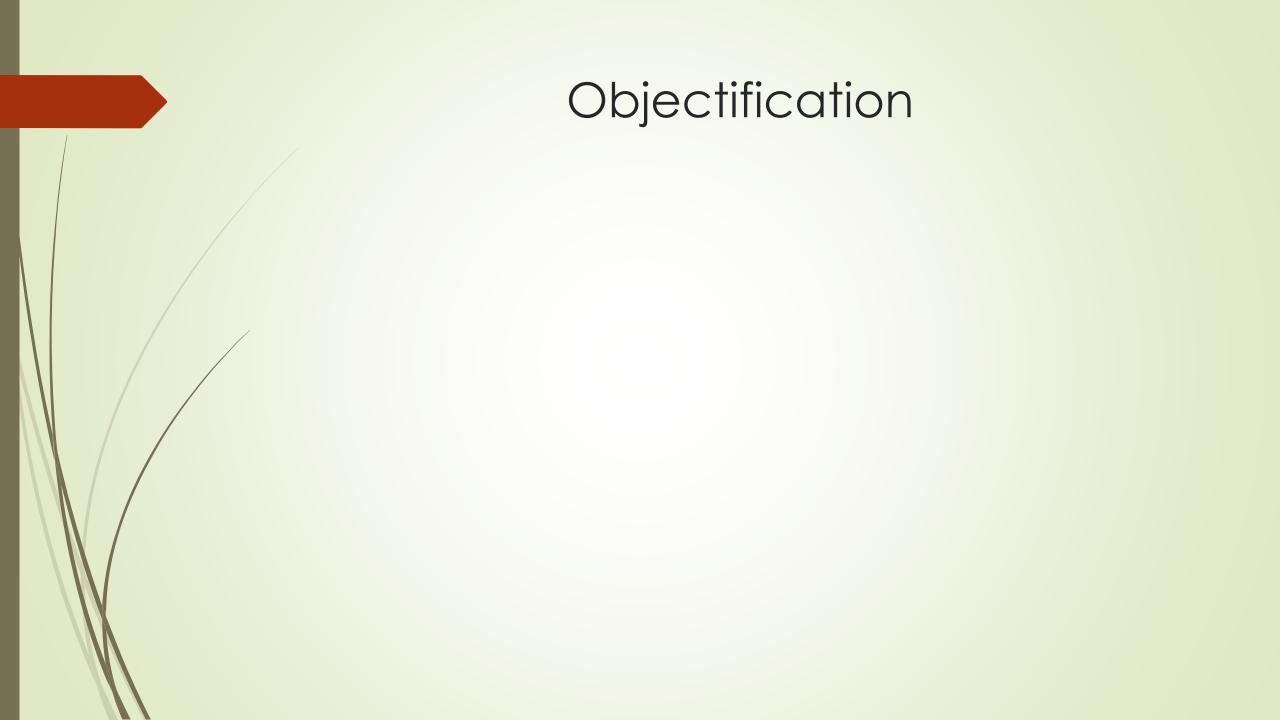
# Second Wave Feminism 60's and 70's



## Third Wave Feminism (1980s - )

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





# Space (domesticity)





#### What do feminists do?

Basically they see whether and/or how the text

challenges/reconfirms/reproduces gender roles and why.

#### 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)