

EXPLORING FEMINIST WRITERS

Carol Friend

Course Information

Fridays from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning October 10 through November 14.

In-Person - Discussion - Max 20

Course Description

Women writers have historically and contemporaneously worked to redefine and reshape gender identities through their own powerful narratives. This course will examine this dynamic through two primary works: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's "We Should All Be Feminists" - a nuanced understanding of feminism for the 21st century and Rebecca Solnit's "Men Explain Things to Me" - dissects the pervasive phenomenon of "mansplaining" and other subtle forms of gendered power dynamics.

Select texts and passages from other women writers like Margaret Atwood, Jhumpa Lahiri, Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, Alice Munro, Beyonce, Audre Lorde, Joni Mitchell, Emily Dickinson, and others will also be read.

Through close readings and vibrant discussions, we'll analyze how these authors challenge societal norms, articulate experiences of gender, and inspire critical thinking about the ongoing evolution of feminist thought.

Reading Assignments

Please purchase these two books:

- We Should All Be Feminists, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie ISBN:978-1-101-91176-1
- Men Explain Things to Me, by Rebecca Solnit ISBN: 978-1-60846-466-1

Recommended, not required:

- A Room of One's Own, by Virginia Woolf ISBN:978-0-156-78733-8

In addition, we will read from a variety of authors. Handouts or pdfs will be provided. They may include works by:

- Margaret Atwood, Jhumpa Lahiri, Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, Alice Munro, Beyonce, Audre Lorde, Joni Mitchell, Emily Dickinson, and others.