Class notes:

**Feminism:** A movement in three waves

VOCABULARY

**feminism**:

**male chauvinist** or **sexist**:

**Patriarchy**:

American Influence

Many of the most famous feminists are American women.

* Gloria Steinem
* Betty Freidan
* bell hooks
* Elizabeth Cady Stanton
* Susan B. Anthony
* Alice Paul

Although feminism has been adapted to other contexts, it began an **upper-middle class, white movement**

→ which excludes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First wave feminism 1860s-1910s

Goals:

**Abolishing coverture**, which is the idea a woman's legal rights and obligations were subsumed by those of her husband. I can remember this word by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

→ This means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

· no inheritance, it goes to the husband

· no custody over children, it goes to the husband

· no right to keep their wages; wages belong to the husband

**Suffrage**, which means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Famous British first wave feminists

The Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU)

* Used violence; slogan was “Deeds not words”
* **Emmeline Pankhurst** is the founder
* Arrested several times
* Hunger strikes
* Bombed Westminster Abbey
* Emily Davison threw herself in front of the King’s horse and died.
* Bombed the home of David Lloyd George, the Chancellor of Exchequer.
* Smashed windows of shops, churches, and government offices
* Mary Richardson slashed a famous painting in the National Gallery

universal women’s suffrage

1902: **Australia** (except for aboriginal women)

1906: **Finland**

1915: **Denmark**

1917: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Uruguay.

1918: Canada, Germany, **the United Kingdom**

1919: the Netherlands and New Zealand

1920s: Albania, Czechoslovakia, Ireland, Spain (only single women and widows), Mongolia, Uruguay, Ecuador, Sweden, USA

1930s: South Africa (only white women), Turkey, Chile, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Brazil, Cuba, Philippines, Bolivia, Bulgaria (only mothers), Romania, El Salvador

1940s: Panama, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, **France**, Italy, Japan, Senegal, Togo, Indonesia, Cameroon, Djibouti, Guatemala, Kenya, North Korea, Liberia (Americo women only; indigenous men and women were not enfranchised until 1951), Venezuela, Vietnam, Argentina, China, Costa Rica, Syria

1997-2015: Kuwait, Qatar, , Oman, and Saudi Arabia

Second wave feminism 1960s-1970s

Goals:

* Expand job opportunities for women
  + More women \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + More women outside of the “feminized professions”: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Access to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so people can plan their families
* Equal pay
* Equal representation in government
* Equality in the arts and sports
* Equal rights in marriage
* The use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instead of Miss and Mrs. to help end discrimination based on marital status

Famous French second wave feminists

**Simone de Beauvoir**

* Wrote ***The Second Sex***
* Refused to marry her lover, the famous philosopher, Jean-Paul Sartre
* Wrote the text for the ***Manifesto of the 343 Bitches*** (*le manifeste des 343 salopes),* which was signed by 343 women who admitted to having abortions (illegal at the time)

**Women's Liberation Movement (MLF)**

* Protested during the student protests of 1968.

Third wave feminism (1990s to now)

Goals

* Incorporates the concerns of **queer**, **working class women**, and **women of color**.
* Combatting stereotypes
* Deconstructing gender roles, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Promoting sex positivity, which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Supporting rights of sex workers, which is the polite term for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Famous Third Wave Feminists

**Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

* Author from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Wrote several novels (*Americanah* is my favorite)
* Wrote “We Should All Be Feminists” two years ago.

**Wangari Maathai**

* Environmentalist from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Won the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 2004
* Her **Green Belt Movement** planted tens of millions of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* She joined the struggle against the corrupt regime of Daniel arap Moi. Her efforts to stop powerful politicians grabbing land.
* She was beaten and arrested numerous times.

**Malala Yousafzai**

•From Pakistan

•Was shot by the Taliban because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

•Youngest person to ever win \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

•Wrote book and speaks all over the world about education for girls.

•Wants girls to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

•In the developing world, which means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, only 50% of girls go to school.

→ What do we do when we grow up to help gender inequality?