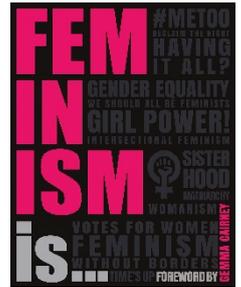


School Library Association Information Book Award Shortlist 2020

13 to 16 years

Feminism Is...

DK, Foreword by Gemma Cairney (9780241228029)



The activities below are designed to be used at home with parents, or as gentle links to the school curriculum, easing young people back into school life. Simply select activities to suit your interests and state of mind. Please feel free to adapt, and we will be pleased to hear of all successes.

Bookmarks)

Bunting) download the templates provided

'Flag a Fact')

Choose your favourite fact from this book, make a flag and then put it in the window for people to see.

Design an alternative cover for this book using any medium you would like.

Discussion Point – if you are virtually meeting in a group, think about the following:

Is this a book for girls only? Why/not?

English/Literacy

The Sex Discrimination Act first came into UK law in 1975 when it became illegal to discriminate in favour of males. This has since been amended to include hidden discrimination. Have we fully achieved gender discrimination? Create an argument for or against the view discrimination no longer exists.

Write a newspaper report or a diary entry as if you are reporting on or are part of one of the crucial movements e.g. the Suffragist movement.

Some authors have used male names or avoided their first names. Some examples are: George Elliott; Jane Austen; J.K. Rowling. Why do you think this was?

Further reading:

Margaret Atwood *The Handmaid's Tale*

Laura Bates *Everyday sexism*

Candace Bushnell *Rules for being a girl*

Caroline Criado-Perez *Invisible women; data bias in a world designed for men*

David Roberts *The Battle for Equality*

Kate Weston *Diary of a confused feminist*

Maths

Look up the population of the world, of the UK, of a country in Asia. See if you can find the proportion of women in employment, of females' right to education, poverty rates. What are the percentages? What is the trend?

Relevant sites:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/commission-on-the-status-of-women-2012/facts-and-figures>

<https://en.unesco.org/gem-report/sites/gem-report/files/girls-factsheet-en.pdf>

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/girlseducation>

<https://malala.org/girls-education>

There has been recent revealing of the gender pay gap, starting with the BBC. Could you do any predictions as to how long it would take to equalise?

Relevant sites:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/earningsandworkinghours/bulletins/genderpaygapintheuk/2019>

https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/the-gender-pay-gap-series?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI6LSzndG_6QIVh63tCh3d0AKWEAAYAiAAEgI7EfD_BwE

Science

There is a list of feminists at the back of the book. Find out more about some of them. What other females have been involved in ground breaking discoveries, especially in science, but their contributions overlooked?

Some starting points: Apollo 11, Astronomy, Physics

History/Geography

Create a timeline, comparing different countries of when women could first vote and at what age. Some countries may appear more than once (for example England allowed landowning women to vote before others). Start with New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, UK and choose other countries which you're interested in. Be aware that there may be different answers for different states in the US.

If you prefer something more artistic; print off an outline of a map, and put the year and age by each country. Map outline:

https://www.freeusandworldmaps.com/html/World_Projections/WorldPrint.html

PHSE

Is there a difference between feminism and human rights? Should there be?

Consider the right to education, illiteracy rates, poverty, representation in top jobs, portrayal of different types of employment, dress codes, Covid crisis workload. Are women treated fairly?

Art/Music/Dance

Who dominates this aspect of life? In director roles?

The Bechdel Test is: "The Bechdel Test, sometimes called the Mo Movie Measure or Bechdel Rule is a simple test which names the following three criteria: (1) it has to have at least two women in it, who (2) who talk to each other, about (3) something besides a man."

<https://bechdeltest.com/>

List the last 5:

Films Books TV series

You have watched or read. Do they pass the Bechdel Test or not? Ask other people in your family the same question; is there a difference?

What do you think of the cover of this book? What are its strengths and weaknesses? Think about what you want to accomplish with a book cover, and then design an alternative cover.