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Part I: Due Wednesday

Part I: Reading our lives with a feminist lens

1a. What gender roles exist in marriages and relationships today?

1b. What do you imagine was different about these roles in the late 1940s/early 1950s?

2. What messages do we receive from the media about marriage? Relationships? Sex?

2b. As a teenager, how has the media influenced your views on these concepts?

Reading 1984 With A Feminist Lens, Question 1:

1. As you know, George Orwell is considered a male author. How do you think his gender may have affected his writing?

1b. Do you think George Orwell is writing for an audience of a certain gender? Why or why not?

PART II (due Thursday)

Part II: Reading our lives with a feminist lens:

Write a traditional statement and a feminist statement for each of the following objects or situations.

Example:

Legally Blonde

Traditional Statement: Elle was just a dumb Beverly Hills blonde chasing a man.

Feminist Statement: Elle broke patriarchal stereotypes because she got accepted into Harvard and successfully defended a wrongly accused woman.

The Miss America Pageant

Traditional Statement:

Feminist Statement:

Mount Rushmore

Traditional Statement:

Feminist Statement:

Kim Kardashian's Divorce

Traditional Statement:

Feminist Statement:

The political campaign of Sarah Palin or Michelle Bachman

Traditional Statement:

Feminist Statement:

The breakdown of Lindsey Lohan or Britney Spears

Traditional Statement:

Feminist Statement:

Reading 1984 With A Feminist Lens, Question 1:

1. How are the female characters in 1984 portrayed? Choose two female characters in 1984 (one of them has to be the brown haired girl) and analyze if their portrayal reinforces or resists sexual stereotypes. Use evidence from the text to support your answer. Include the page number!

Part III: (due Friday, turn in completed packet)

Part III Reading our lives with a feminist lens:

Can you think of anything that has happened to you or to a friend of yours in the past two weeks that could be better explained or understood through a feminist lens? Share your story here and analyze it through a feminist lens.

Here's my example:

I used to work at a school where cheerleading was considered a lesser sport, not just by students but even by athletic administration. People did not consider the cheerleaders athletes and automatically assumed they spent more time on their hair than practicing. Furthermore, the athletic director refused to buy uniforms for some of the heavier cheerleaders. From a feminist perspective, this attitude is a result of our patriarchal, male dominant society where women are seen as objects rather than participants.

Reading 1984 With A Feminist Lens, Question 1:

1. How does your gender, as reader, affect your response to 1984?

2. Does Julia's sexual appetite seem normal? Why does the Party seek to repress it?

3. Do you believe the Party's proposition that if people are no longer interested in sex, that they will devote all their energies to worshipping the Party?

4. Why does the Party view sex as dangerous and threatening to its power?