

Feminist Thought and Theory Feminist Theorist Project.

You are required to pick one of the feminist theorists that we are reading this semester and complete a research project on them.

What you need to do:

1. Pick a theorist: Here is a list of approved theorists. Please see me if you wish to research a feminist theorist that is not on the list.

Required

bell hooks
Audre Lorde
Patricia Williams
Kimberlé Crenshaw
Dorothy Allison
Barbara Smith
Judith Butler
Patricia Hill Collins
Alice Walker
Virginia Woolf
Nancy Mairs
Rosemarie Garland-Thompson
Maria Lugones
Uma Narayan
Chela Sandoval

Supplementary

Luce Irigaray
Denise Riley
Carol Gilligan
Nancy Hartsock
Donna Haraway
Diana Fuss

2. Read **three** additional (that is, in addition to the assigned reading) works by the author. This could include book chapters, books or articles. Complete a brief 1 page analysis of the text in which you summarize the text and explain how it fits in with the theorist's larger argument (that is, her larger agenda/purpose in doing feminist theory).

3. Submit a written bibliography of the author that includes all of their major works. Please identify the texts that you read by putting them in bold.

4. Schedule a meeting with me. In this meeting, we will have a conversation about your findings. Be prepared to answer the following questions about your theorist:

-Who are they? (biography)

-What is their theoretical background and training? What type of theory do they do? From what traditions do they draw?

-What is their primary audience? Who are they writing for? From what communities are they drawing their ideas?

-How do they define feminist theory? How do they "do" theory?

-Why is their work significant? To others? To you?

-Think about their ideas in relation to Bunch: Problem, Analysis, Vision, Strategies

-What are the most effective elements of their work? What are the least effective elements?

-What is useful about this theorist's ideas for your own understandings of feminism/ world/ injustice?