



Sexism 1930 to 2017

The pressure society has placed on young girls



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What is Sexism?

Attitudes or behaviors based on stereotypical gender roles

(“Sexism.”)

Feminism

***A doctrine advocating social, political,
and all other rights of women equal to
those of men***

(“Feminism.”)

Theme

Throughout time society has put stereotypical gender roles on young girls

Scout in To Kill A Mockingbird

Scout enjoys playing with her brother outside. She does not mind dirty things that most little girls in her society don't like. Scout is individually minded and does not really like for people to tell her to change. Scout does not prefer playing with dolls or being inside. When Aunt Alexandra comes to town she basically tells Scout she is not good enough. Her aunt represents the thoughts of society, telling Scout she needs to become a lady. Scout is only 8 years old.

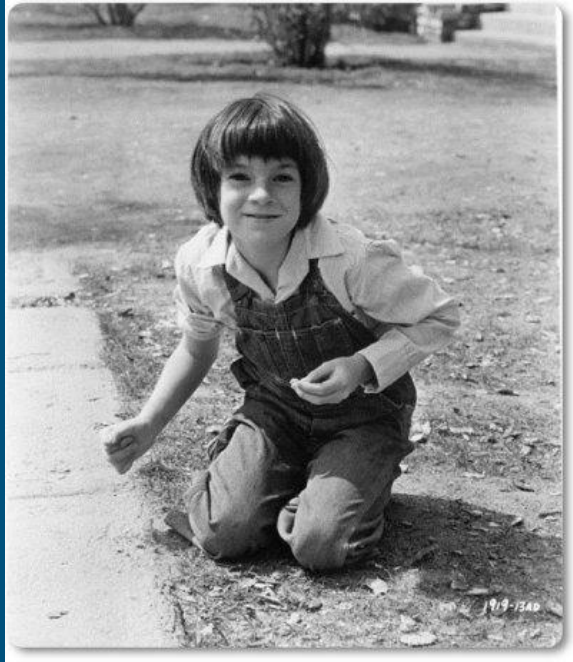
(To Kill A Mockingbird)

Scout vs Theme

- Scout is so young and does not need so much pressure on her to grow up.
- In our theme we mention society throughout time and how people always have expectations for young girls.
- Scout is put in a place where just being a kid is not ok.

“Aunt Alexandra was fanatical on the subject of my attire. I could not possibly hope to be a lady if I wore breeches; when I said I could do nothing in a dress, she said i was not supposed to be doing things that required pants” (Lee, 83)

Scout vs. her social expectation



(Mulligan)

<https://www.pinterest.se/pin/462815299179417066/>

Arranged Marriage

- Uncommon in first world countries
- It is still common in developing regions for example Pakistan, Niger, and Chad.
- a marriage planned and agreed to by the families or guardians of the bride and groom, who have little or no say in the matter themselves.

（“Arranged Marriage.”）

Theme to Current Event

Arranged marriage is related to the theme because in many arranged marriage cases the child (who is more likely to be the wife), will not share their feelings about the marriage.

Book Quote:

“I was not so sure, but Jem told me I was being a girl, that girls always imagined things, that's why other people hated them so, and if I started behaving like one I could just go off and find some to play with” (Lee, 49)

Current Event quote:

“In parts of the world, when a girl is born, her wings are clipped. She is not able to fly.” -Ziauddin Yousafzai, Malala Yousafzai's Father.

Book Quote

I walked home with Dill and returned in time to overhear Atticus saying to Aunty, "...in favor of Southern womanhood as much as anybody, but not for preserving polite fiction at the expense of human life," a pronouncement that made me suspect they had been fussing again.(Lee, 196)

1930's Advice given to women

- “If you are not a happy woman, your husband will at least be comfortable”
- “Don't answer back: don't spend money on yourself, don't do anything
- “Don't argue with your husband; do whatever he tells you and obey all his orders,”
- “Don't worry him for money and don't expect a new dress oftener than he offers to buy you one.
- “Don't sit up till he comes home from the club; better be in bed and pretend to be asleep. “If you must be awake, seem to be glad he came home early. He'll probably think you are an idiot; but that's inevitable anyway.”
- Mrs Dobbin Crawford, a Liverpool surgeon, 1930, said in the Bath Chronicle in 1930, never “criticise your husband even to your mother.



("The Role of Women in the Civil War")



(Forever21)



Book quote

"Scout, I'm tellin' you for the last time, shut your trap or go home—I declare to the Lord you're gettin' more like a girl every day!" With that, I had no option but to join them. (Lee, 69)

Current event quote

"26,000 unreported sexual assaults in the military-only 238 convictions. What did these geniuses expect when they put men & women together?"
-Donald Trump

Theme

Society has always put expectations on young girls. These expectations cause young girls to feel the pressure to fit the standard or else not be good enough.

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