

Bell Hooks

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Bell Hooks is a knowledgeable scholar also known for her writing and was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She is known for being a leader in the black feminist movement. Hooks becomes an effective writer and focuses on what she's seen as a child with the "white supremacist capitalist patriarchy" structuring our society. When Hook was 19 she published her first book called "Ain't I A Black Woman: Black Women and Feminism.

"Feminism is for everybody" is a quote written by Bell Hooks that I find very intriguing. This explains how feminism is not just for women. Men can be feminists as well because feminism is about equal rights for women. A lot of people don't fully understand what feminism is, instead they assume it has to do with mad women who are looking to be in the roles of men. However, that is not the case feminism is more so about women having equal rights.

Bell has a big impact on people in society. She is a positive feminist leader and gives opportunity for others to step up and gain their equal rights as well. Over the years Bell has spoken many times on her passion, wrote books, had articles write about her, etc. She is very known to the people and they are able to follow her and see how she conducts herself passed on how feminism is or isn't changing over the past couple of years.

In summary, I would like to say Bell Hook is a very intelligent woman. She was able to realize that feminism was important to her and she wanted to express that. Based on the work she has produced people have benefited from her knowledge. While feminism may present as a women's issue it really boils down to a human's right issue.

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Timeline:

1952- Bell Hooks was born

1963- Attended integrated school

1973- Earned her bachelor's degree in English

1976- Earned her master's degree in english and began teaching

1981- She published her first book called "Aint I a Woman"

1988- Taught women's studies in Ohio

1989- Published her book Talking Back: Thinking Feminist, Thinking Black

1997- Appears in documentary films one was "My Feminism"

2002- Released another book focusing on sexism and racism

2015- Continues life as a feminist

Creative Piece:

Link to Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kq_IiwueqPU

Gloria Jean Watkins better known by her pen name Bell Hooks went on a week long residency at Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts. There she participated in a wonderful dialogue about Black Feminism. I chose to use this piece of videography as my visual artifact because it shows the positive impact she has on young black women and their thought process. She is currently a professor in her hometown Kentucky, at Berea College.

Reflection Paper:

Gloria Jean Watkins is a social activist, educator, and writer. She inspires others and expresses how they can reach their full potential.

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