

**“We Should All Be Feminists” by Chimamanda Adichie**

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**Before watching the video:**

My definition of feminism:

Dictionary definition of feminism:

**During the video:**

1. Why do people tell Chimamanda that she should not call herself a feminist?
2. What do the class monitors in Chimamanda’s elementary school class get to do?
3. Why doesn’t Chimamanda get to be class monitor?
4. Why did the parking valet thank Chimamanda’s friend, Louie, instead of thanking her for the tip?
5. About what percentage of the world’s population is female?

Quickwrite: The Nobel Peace Laureate Wangari Maathai said, “The higher you go, the fewer women there are.” Do you agree? Disagree? Please include at least 2 examples to support your answer and explain why you either agree or disagree.

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6. Why did “men ruling the world” make sense 1,000 years ago?
  
  7. What has changed today about what it takes to rule the world?
  
  8. What stops Chimamanda from going to many *reputable* (having a good reputation) places in Lagos?
  
  9. How does Chimamanda feel each time a waiter ignores her and only greets the man she is with?
  
  10. Why does Chimamanda feel angry and hopeful?
  
  11. What does Chimamanda want us to *dream* about and *plan* for?

Quickwrite: How does Chimamanda's definition/explanation of "masculinity" relate to *Things Fall Apart*?

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12. What does Chimamanda say we teach to girls?

13. What is Chimamanda's least favorite English word? Why?

14. Why does Chimamanda talk about how we are "social beings"?

15. Discuss the different uses of the Nigerian phrase "I did it for peace in my marriage."

16. What happens after society raises children to feel guilty?

17. What does Chimamanda say the problem with gender is?

Quickwrite: What gender expectations have you personally encountered in your life? What gender expectations exist in *Things Fall Apart*?

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18. What does Chimamanda recommend that parents focus on instead of gender?

19. What does she say men do that is part of the problem of gender?

20. What does the Nigerian phrase “bottom power” mean? Is it really a source of power? Why/why not?

21. Complete this sentence: “Culture does not make people,  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

22. What is Chimamanda’s definition of a feminist?

