

**FEMINISM**

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- The theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes

# TWO CATALYSTS OF GENDER PREJUDICE

■ MISOGYNY: (n) a  
hatred of women

■ MISANDRY: (n) a  
hatred of men

# Thursday's Discussion: Social Justice/Feminism

**Together and separately, what does each text say about gender equality and its pursuit?**

- “Wreck it Ralph 2: Ralph Breaks the Internet”—2018 film excerpt
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
  - “We Should All Be Feminists”—2012 Ted Talk (London)
  - *Americanah*— 2013 novel excerpt
- TIME Magazine: “Many American Men Have a Skewed View of Gender Inequality, TIME Poll Finds” 9.26.19 Online Article

2018 Film

Disney's 57th  
feature-length  
animated film

The film grossed over \$529 million  
worldwide

Mostly positive reviews

Analyze and evaluate  
the topic, tone,  
audience, and  
purpose of this clip.





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**“WE SHOULD ALL  
BE FEMINISTS”**

**Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

**London, Euston: 2012**

**Ted Talk**



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# Chimamanda ADICHIE



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# Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

## Born 9.15.77

- MA in Creative Writing from Johns Hopkins
- MA in African Studies from Yale
- Hodder Fellow at Princeton University
- Fellow at Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University



## **Honorary Doctorates & Academic Distinctions**

- Honorary doctorate, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut, USA, 12 May 2015
- Barnard Medal of Distinction, New York, USA, 17 May 2016
- Honorary doctorate, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, 18 May 2016
- Elected as a Foreign Honorary Member into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 12 April 2017 (inducted 7 October 2017)
- Honorary degree, Haverford College, Pennsylvania, USA, 13 May 2017
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 28 August 2017
- Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree, Duke University, North Carolina, USA, 13 May 2018
- Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree, Amherst College, Massachusetts, USA, 20 May 2018
- Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA, 26 May 2018
- Honorary Doctor of Literature (DLit) degree, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK, 27 July 2018

# Nigerian Literature

- Chimamanda grew up in Nsukka, in the house formerly occupied by Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe.
- Chimamanda's father, who is now retired, worked at the University of Nigeria, located in Nsukka. He was Nigeria's first professor of statistics, and later became Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- Her mother was the first female registrar at the same institution.
- She moved to the US at 19 and now splits her time between the US and Nigeria.

# Historical Context: Sosoliso Airlines Flight 1145

**Sosoliso Airlines Flight 1145** was a scheduled domestic passenger flight between the Nigerian cities of Abuja (ABV) and Port Harcourt (PHC). At about 14:08 local time (13:08 UTC) on 10 December 2005, Flight 1145 from Abuja crash-landed at Port Harcourt International Airport. The plane, a McDonnell Douglas DC-9-32 with 110 people on board, slammed into the ground and burst into flames. Immediately after the crash, seven survivors were recovered and taken to hospitals, but only two people survived.

# Homework

- Critically read the first few pages of Adichie's 2013 novel *Americanah* for Thursday's discussion.