

7. Feminism:

The concept of feminism in general has been concerned to an analysis of the trend of male domination of the society ; the general attitude of male towards female, the ways of improving the condition of women. In literature, It emerged in 1960. It was the movement in favour of women.

"Jane Austin ,Francis Burney ,Virginia Woolf, George Eliot " were the famous Feminist writers. Feminism is a belief that women should have equal rights to men.

First wave: kate millet was concerned mainly to the treatment of women at the hands of male.

Marry ellman's:thinking about women.

Kate millet:sexual politics. feminine(1840-80) in which women wrote in an effort to equal the intellectual achievements of the male culture and internalized its assumptions about female nature.the distinguishing sign of this period is the male pseudonym.women chose male pseudonyms as a way of coping with a double literary standard.

2nd phase:feminist(1880-1920)in which women protest male values,advocate separatist 'sisterhoods'.they used literature to dramatize the ordeal of wronged womanhood.

It shows the direct analysis of women to literature. female writers and their significance was studied. It is Also called gynocriticism.

Elaine showalter: a literature of their own(1920).

3rd wave: female (1920) in which women create 'female writing' in self-discovery.