

ENGL 7451.001/8451.001

Women and Literature: Empathy at Work and Play

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Participants enrolled in this course will read a variety of texts by and about women. They will also study well-known texts associated with feminist theory, feminist literary history, and concepts of empathy, sympathy, and sentimentality as they connect to depictions of women's lives and stories. In addition, participants will develop projects that will allow them to explore empathy and its functions and limits in texts by and about women.

Requirements: One short conference length paper (6-8 pages), one longer researched paper (12-17 pages), two presentations, reading, discussion, and an exam.

Tentative list of texts

*Essential Feminist Reader*, Estelle B. Freedman, 0812974603

Cathy N. Davidson *Revolution and the Word*

Louisa May Alcott *Work*

Louisa May Alcott *Hospital Sketches*

Pauline Hopkins *Contending Forces*

Rebecca Harding Davis *Life in the Iron Mills*

Harriet Jacobs *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*

Susan Warner *The Wide, Wide World*