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Hey yall

*This is the feminism unit TSB used for a spring and summer in 2014.
its pretty prezi heavy- and at times things worked and didn't work (male privilege was boring).*

Feel free to use and let us know how to improve with new ideas and where we dropped the ball.

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Feminism 101-

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Activity #1-

Create a group definition of feminism, sexism, patriarchy

We could do this as a go around.

- 15 minutes worth of discussing
- give examples of each (if you feel comfortable)

View this video:

Note it can only be viewed a hand full of times from one IP address

<http://education-portal.com/academy/lesson/sexism-and-patriarchy-definitions-and-forms.html#lesson>

So patriarchy is a larger system that gives benefits to men over women.

Sexism is the discrimination of women by men

“Short definition: Sexism is both discrimination based on gender and the attitudes, stereotypes, and the cultural elements that promote this discrimination. Given the historical and continued imbalance of power, where men as a class are privileged over women as a class (see [male privilege](#)), an important, but often overlooked, part of the term is that sexism is prejudice *plus* power. Thus feminists reject the notion that women can be sexist towards men because women lack the institutional power that men have”

<http://finallyfeminism101.wordpress.com/2007/10/19/sexism-definition/>

- possible off shoot topic

- can't women discriminate against men?

Institutional Sexism-

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Feminism and Media-

1. Watch the first part of Killing us softly 4 (13 min): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_SuJh6Gso
2. Discussion (20 min): What did you think about the video? Do you think that ads influence young people? People in your school/your friends? How do ads influence men versus women?
3. Watch The Bechdel Test (2 min): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLF6sAAMb4s>
4. Discussion (10 min): Do most movies you like pass this test? How do you think that the lack of female characters in movies influence girls?
5. Discussion about alternatives (15 mins): What would you like to see in media? Are there movies or TV shows that you think give positive messages about men and women?

Male Privilege-

http://prezi.com/xukbpdepkd73/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share

Slut Shaming/Sexual Violence-

1. Popcorn+discussion (10 mins): What is slut shaming? Do people around you do it?
2. Video, how slut shaming becomes victim blaming (8 min, Trigger warning):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1I3h8fzv-BM>
3. Discussions (12 mins): What is victim blaming? How is it connected to slut shaming?

Feminist Resistance and History-

http://prezi.com/bbjdmz2uzula/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share

**Short Activities (when you got no time)-
Sexual Harassment-**

Have the cis men alone in a room

on a white board have them write down all the things they do on a daily basis to prevent being sexually harassed (work, school, street, etc)

They will undoubtedly have very little (or mostly jokes...)

then have them go to the back of the room and be silent

ask the women, non cis men, and other gender variant peeps to write down all the things they do regularly to prevent sexual harassment

they will fill the board up with tactics and strategies

then discuss this and why it is like this

what can change to prevent this?

Cis men will usually talk about women needing to have better defenses

talk about the problems of this

and point out that the best defense is for bastards to stop harassing people

period._

Double Standards-

Split into small groups and discuss this comic

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/13/feminism-comic-by-katarzyna-babis_n_4441039.html

report back discussion

and/or use this article

http://www.alternet.org/story/86736/he%27s_a_stud,_she%27s_a_slut%3A_the_sexual_double_standard

'Friend Zone and Nice Guy'-

<http://imgur.com/a/RmAjE>

small group discussion

Trans 101:

Resources for future Trans Unit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sHBAVjahp8>

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity-lessons>

local resources, groups, and further study:

Worcester Local-

-planned parenthood

<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/massachusetts/worcester/01609/central-massachusetts-health-center-2660-90610>

-<http://centralmasspfc.org/>

Pathways of Change

-fatima (from east African community outreach/cafe)
domestic violence

-asylum

-feminist united (clark group)

National Groups (online resources too):

-<http://www.incite-national.org>

([Women, Gender Non-Conforming, and Trans people of Color*](#) Against Violence)

Film, Essays, and Podcasts:

Media -

-killing me softly (film)

- feminist frequencies (online feminist pop culture analysis)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/feministfrequency>

General-

-black girl dangerous (blog) - <http://www.blackgirldangerous.org/>

-june jordan (poet)

-bell hooks (theorist)

-Boston Feminists for Liberation

<https://bostonfeministsforliberation.wordpress.com/>

History is a Weapon (radical primary documents)

-<http://www.historyisaweapon.com/>

-Audre Lorde-Poetry

<http://www.poemhunter.com/audre-lorde-2/>

-Assata Shakur- Black Panther, Black Liberation Army
biography-

<https://libcom.org/files/assataauto.pdf>

Anarcha-Feminism-

The Hidden Cost of Patriarchy

<http://vimeo.com/100087331#at=0>

Dismantling Capitalism, Dismantling patriarchy

<http://vimeo.com/70389855>

-Anarcha-Feminist library -

<http://anarchalibrary.blogspot.com/>

-anarcha feminism reddit

<http://www.reddit.com/r/anarchafeminism>

-Anarcha-Feminist Herstory podcast-

<http://www.crimethinc.com/podcast/26/>

<http://www.crimethinc.com/podcast/28/>

Anarcha Feminist Child Raising

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOBaTaGLG2c>

Anarcha Feminist - Mexico

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYrAe1VEIdM>

For Cis Men:

35 Practical Steps Men Can Take To Support Feminism

<http://www.xojane.com/issues/feminism-men-practical-steps>

Tools for Men to Further Feminist Revolution

<http://thefeministwire.com/2013/06/against-patriarchy-tools-for-men-to-further-feminist-revolution/>

Feminist Theory for Anarchist Men

<http://www.tangledwilderness.org/pdfs/saidthepottothekettle-web.pdf>

