

Victorian Era Feminism



Feminism



- The advocacy of women's political, social, and economic equality to men.



History Of Feminism



- Feminism as a concept was just emerging during the Victorian Era.
- An example of early feminism that most of us are familiar with is the suffragist movement.
- The right to vote was not extended to most women in England until 1928.



The Role of Women in the Victorian Era



The Victorian Feminine Ideal



- Submissive to male relatives
- Quiet
- Does not think for herself
- Dependent on men
- Physically weak
- Responsible for husband's morality
- Non-sexual being
- Industrious
- Nurturing
- Self-sacrificing
- Unambitious
- Pleases husband at all costs

Feminism in Jane Eyre



- Jane Eyre is set in the mid-19th century.
- Jane is aware that she is, in many ways, at a disadvantage: orphan, poor, governess, and female.
- Instead of accepting an inferior position, she fights for her rights and independence.

