

Multiple Critical Perspectives

Using critical theory to foster a rich understanding of classic literature

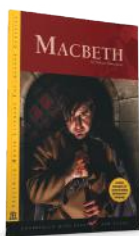
The Feminist Approach

William Shakespeare • George Bernard Shaw • Toni Morrison



The Differences Between Men and Women

“Come, you spirits
That tend on mortal thoughts,
unsex me here.
And fill me from the crown
to the toe top-full
Of direst cruelty!”



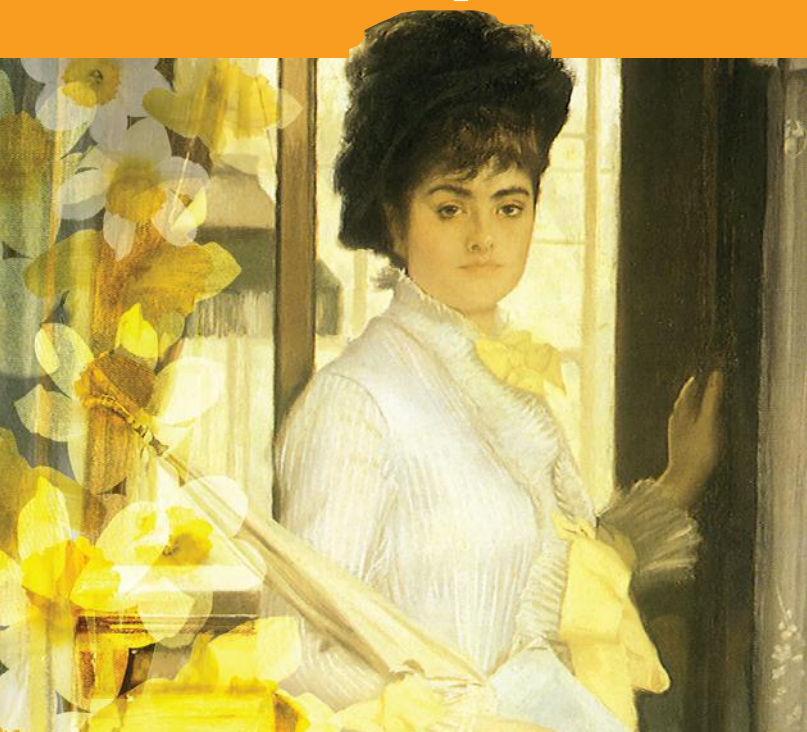
Macbeth
William Shakespeare



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Power Dynamics

“Oh! if only I COULD go back to my flower basket!
I should be independent of both you and father
and all the world! Why did you take my
independence from me? Why did I give it up?
I'm a slave now, for all my fine clothes.”

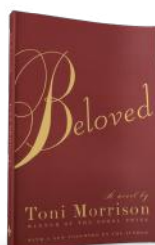


Pygmalion
George Bernard Shaw



The Female Experience

“Grown don't mean nothing to a
mother. A child is a child. They get
bigger, older, but grown? What's
that supposed to mean? In my
heart it don't mean a thing.”



Beloved
Toni Morrison

