**ENG 2150—Prof. Behrent**

**A Feminist Manifesto for the 21st Century**

After reading statements, letters and manifestos by women from different time periods**, you will create your own manifesto, statement of principles or open letter with a group of your classmates.**

You may choose from the following forms:

**Manifesto:** a published declaration of the intentions, policies, aims, motives, or views of the issuer, be it an individual, group, political party or government.

**Statement of Principles:**a statement in which a person or organization describes their beliefs and intentions.

**An Open Letter:** is a letter that is intended to be read by a wide audience, or a letter intended for an individual, but that is nonetheless widely distributed intentionally. Open letters usually take the form of a letter addressed to an individual but provided to the public through newspapers and other media, such as a letter to the editor or blog.

In your groups, discuss the key principles or ideas you want to convey relating to the rights of women today. Choose a form and create a title for your statement/manifesto/open letter.

Identify three to five major concerns or proposals. Once you have agreed on your priorities, divide these up and work on drafting language related to each. You might want to include relevant information or research to explain the history and current situation as well as clear language about the principle you are upholding and how you plan on putting these ideas into action.

Be sure to think about how you are being inclusive and intersectional in thinking about the needs of diverse women who experience multiple forms of oppression based on race, class, sexuality, ability, etc. Here too, what are specific proposals that would guide your political group.

Once you have done this, you should create a preamble and conclusion, and decide on an order for your resolutions or principles.

One person in the group should create a google doc to continue working on this and share it with all group members. You will revise it collectively and think about how you will create an effective design to convey your ideas.

You will post a link to your document on OpenLab by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . **Read all statements and comment** **on at least one other statement by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Revised, formatted manifesto/statement/open letter dues on OpenLab \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**In addition to your manifesto, statement or open letter, you should add a brief reflection on the process and a bibliography of texts that influenced your group’s statement.**