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| It’s Just A Man’s World |
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**Abstract**

 Since the beginning of time woman were treated as second class citizens compared to men. No matter how hard they fought or educated they got they can never escape the reality that men run this world. Edna was trying to escape her world of riches and servers for a crappy little apartment and real love but got denied and killed herself over it. Rena went from rags to riches and found true love only to have it all taken away because of her race. Even Chopin the woman who wrote The Awaking was shunned by her friends and peers for a made up story. In this paper I will show you that woman will never be able to truly be free and do as they please and that this will always be a man's world. My purpose for doing this is to show you that the world needs equality now more than ever. People should not judge others just because of their color or gender but only judge by people’s actions and morals.

All throughout human history one thing is always a fact, men run the world. Men are stronger, smarter, faster, and great providers. A woman's place in the world is to be motherly. God forbid that they want to do something else than just being that. The world I'm going into a panic woman of joy that they must be obedient to men. In the Bible no matter what religion it has certain rules that you must follow. society sees a woman without a man as damaged, families question why woman alone, or acting like men women at this day of age are not allowed to do the same as men without being called names like whore and slut but a man does not, he just being a man. The double standard in society just overcomes everything.in this essay I will show you how that no matter how hard and long a woman fights for equality it will never happen. I will use the work from Kate Chapons the awakening Charles Chestnut the house behind the Cedars and Mcteague by Frank Norris for comparison in my argument.

Why must Edna die is the question? Is she not a human being does she not love, suffer, regret, and think. Why is it that women no matter when or where they are always looked upon then nothing but property or trophy and nothing more? In Chopans Awakening Edna is a woman that is finally is finding who she is. As Emerson said one must trust thyself which she did in her first awakening when she learned how to swim after many failed attempts she went in and embraced Emerson's invitation of not relying on others and to have self-esteem, to exhibit originality in a childlike way. She became a woman not scared of being herself. She stopped caring what her husband thought of her and everyone else thought of her and started living her own life. she became Emerson's the non-conformist” what I must do is all that concerns me not what people think” but as we know that was not true. She separates herself from husband rules and regulations and even moved out and started doing as she pleased but she still chased after men. Emerson said that one must be willing to shun thy mother and father to chase their genius in the case of Edna she shunned and abandoned her husband and kids but she did not shun Roberts the houseboy whom she has been in love with. She still has sex with Accede not once but twice because he wanted to despite the fact that she does not love him but she loves Robert. She has to die because she did not really know what she wanted. She did as a child and did whatever she wanted and did not think of the consequences. At the time of this book, what she was doing was frowned upon. going out drinking ,eating alone, leaving her kids, not being motherly, and separating from her husband without his consent was a no. The husband was the money maker she had no plan, no structure just like Emerson said acting childlike. She was seeking the love of a man that still wanted to get permission to love her from her husband and when she came home and not found him there she gave up all her freedoms. Edna wanted the approval of Robert she wanted his love, his whole being and nothing more. No matter how far she got the norm of that time and not relying on her she still breaks down and gives up Robert is not there anymore and gives up her life to what set her free in the first place.

The Napoleonic Code discusses this in detail. It was put in place in France and was incorporated everywhere that France ruled including parts of the Americas. It was put into commission in 1801. Woman was not equal to men in no way. Edna could not get a divorce because it was frowned upon by society this comes from the Civil Code of a man must initiate the divorce if she could have just divorced her husband things might have been different but as the code says the wife must wait until the husband is ready and that was never going to happen. Edna did not want to go backwards; she only wanted to keep pushing forward and at the end met her demise by letting a man’s decision choose for her.

As for Raina the story is totally different. She was a light skinned molto they can pass for a white woman but the black blood in her veins stained her reputation. She was show pity by her community even though she helped everyone and was not poor. Her brother John left the small town and went to North Carolina to become a lawyer. He came back for her to save her and give her a better chance in life. Raina was dependent on her brother’s decision for all the happiness of her life. She went to finishing school and learned how to be a lady of the time. After that she attracted the love interest of rich white men which at that time was frowned upon. She follows all the rules of her mother and brother and the secret mulatto society. Everything was going good until the woman question came up and she risked everything she worked hard for to help her sick mother. She was a very caring and helpful person but why did she have to die, easy, she risked anyone involved with her certain death or financial ruin. If she would have married George the white man there would have been a chance that the kids will come out dark and her brother John and the child would have been killed for impersonating a white person. George would have lost the prestige and respect of his peers John her brother wouldn't have lost his career and all his financial gains. If she would have gotten with Frank he would have been shunned by the community that pitied her. Her awakening happen when she got the taste of white privilege but was taken away by the heartbreak of George leaving her due to her black blood secret she hid. She decided to never get married and live her life helping the black kids as a school teacher. She’s still dependent on a man to give her existence the school boss gave her existence and she his desire. She tried to be the nonconformance as Emerson said and they came for her. She ran away and found out too late that she would have always needed to men for protection from others and decided to just die.

 In Mcteague by frank Norris, Trina is a woman that was being wooed by her cousin Marcus until Mcteague falls in love with her. Mcteague and Marcus make a deal where Marcus tells Mcteague that he can have her. Trina was so confused by the whole deal until Marcus backed off and let Mcteague woo her. Trina’s awakening only came when Mcteague grabbed her and kissed her. If it wasn’t for that very moment would she have ever been awoken? When she wins the illegal lotto she also has a change in life she as she gets married and loses her entire family due to the fathers new business opportunity. Her entire family leaves her right after her wedding without a worry because Trina’s father said so. Her and her mother try to hold on as long as possible but once the father said lets go the mother lest her daughter. Trina refuses to share her lottery winnings with anyone, including her husband. Society typically dictates a husband and wife will share their possessions and money. This point is debated, though, when Trina refuses to share any of her winnings with McTeague. Instead she hordes the money and invests it. The money she earns is not spent improving the lives or situations of her and her husband. Instead it is kept locked in a chest attitude causes her husband to leave her and to rob her of her savings. Additionally, the part-time job she had, painting Noah’s ark figurines, to hoard money caused her to lose fingers from the toxicity in the paint. Ultimately, Trina’s anti-societal actions lead to her death when she refuses to aid her husband, a hungry and tired man.

What the book fail to show is that this is and always will be a man's world all the men in both books have to only answer to the man questions which is, will I fight, will I stay, will I go. The Woman in both books tries to use Emerson's way of awakening but it was not written for women. Emerson’s self-reliance was only for men. In the entire essay he never says that woman or others he only gives men as an example.” men is his own star and the soul of the can render an honest and perfect man commander of all like all influences or fate. Nothing comes to him early or too late.” He calls for men to open their self-contained genius and to forget how the world looks at them for chasing what they want and value self-worth. Emerson says that a man should follow what he thinks same as what the Napoleon code says about men having all the power in the family. Emerson was not speaking of blacks or other people he was speaking only to white men, blacks and other including woman was not considered equal at this time Emerson wanted only to awaken the white man and that he needed individual to survive in the society .men only have to find God and themselves in nature only in men make his own rules. As we see with Edna she could not do this and be respected. If she would have been like Madam Ratignolle was she would have still been miserable, not the ocean or Robert could help her because freedom from the sexist this was not for her. Raina was described as drop dead gorgeous. She was still not safe her security for being so light skin was not enough for her survival. She selfless acts of teaching her own kind and chasing her genius were put was put to an end buy animal attraction of nature. She could not survive of being herself, being an individual because a man would never let her. All the women were punished for chasing what they wanted. They found themselves as Emerson says to do but lost the most important gift which is life.

Men have nothing to worry about the women will always follow no matter what. Society says all women should do is breed and take care of him. in a recent episode of The Oprah Show 80 percent of American women are doing all the housework even while working full time and taking care of kids in the article and relativity online.Com,” men rule women follow” it says women do this out of love. In the article from thought catalogue,” is a good man because a woman will never forget how you treat her” by Janessa Michele, she discusses that all a man need be a nice guy and woman will stay in love. It talks about sensitivity of the woman and that men need to take care of them emotionally. If a man treats a woman bad she will stay with him due to some physiological reasoning of a happy land of misery. Men are taught as children to be men. Men are taught that they must be strong, smart, Ambitious, daring and never scared of nothing. Woman is taught from babies to have babies. How many toy commercials on television show a three year old child pushing a baby in the stroller? That image must have something to do with the gender roles we have for boys and girls. In school in the 60s boys are given woodshop mechanics and engineering class while the girls are given home economics adequate class. If a man gets a new job he does not mind leaving everything and everyone behind as John does in the house behind the cedars. But a woman will think about everyone and everything before making then same decision. When Mcteaghe Leaves and robs Trina nothing comes from it. When Edna’s husband finds out that she will be moving out he just put a letter in the newspaper and nothing was thought about it. Another thought is how much religion and government fearing has to do with anything. The laws of the land dictate anything and everything a person could do. In the mix of things the government uses religion to strike fear into people. As in all the books I spoke about men are in charge. The top three world religion has a man as the hero. Jesus, Moses, and Mohammed have divine powers and dictate what must be done. Women are described as assistants in the literature and the man gets all the praise. Man makes all the laws that everyone must follow and most of society follows it or gets shunned out. In the Age of reasoning by Pain he speaks about how we must all leave religion and government alone and that the two should remain separate. He says that when a man has corrupted and prostituted his mind to act like something he doesn’t believe it destroys there morality.

The question now becomes what a woman can do to liberate herself from the control of a man. And the answer to that was feminism. Feminism is the notion that women deserve equitable consideration as men do in society. It means equity in opportunities, rights, and treatment of importance the right thing for women to separate themselves from men. Sounds good right but many woman are brain washed into not believing this. Some feminist have the mentality that I don't need a man for nothing while some just want equality and nothing else. At salon.com, “why women are scared to call themselves feminist “it say that they are not feminist but I do believe in the strength of women”. How can you want power but not want freedom. In music James Browns “this is a man's world”, he said “this is a man's world but it would not be nothing without a woman or girl he's lost in the wilderness he is lost in the bitterness ...” he is telling the world what Emerson stresses about nature, he saying that women are nature with all the power but why don’t they want it. With birth control woman have the choice to choose when to create life, with vitro fertilization a woman does not need a man to create life but they still want marriage and everything painted by the media. A woman does not need a man to make money, to build a house, but will conform to the will men and society tells them they need to be. Men are the providers and woman is the nurturing as Dr. William said in class “father is a cultural phenomenon being a mother is a biological reality. in the world of the Lions the lioness does well the hunting and childbearing weather me line for text and hope make Cubs they each have a role to play anyone can I survive without the other if you mince can try and put this into effect and follow the Equality there would be a better Burlington in our lives but one thing that I see is that humans will never be free from the hold of the man no matter how much they try to fight it.

 In conclusion all authors wanted to do is give a different perspective for women. No matter what the color origin of the other woman they still have the same problems. In the Kate Chopen career was destroyed due to the abandonment of the children in a fictional book. Charles Chestnut was destroyed by trying to show that black people in America was human and not property. in both books the men have all the power just like in real life and the harder women fight for equality the harder it is for them to get it as long as we keep raising our children with gender roles the harder it is going to be to get the quality and what will happen is that the man will continue to rule the world. As the most intelligent creatures on this planet why is it so hard for us to treat each other equally? A man must help a woman as a woman must help a man. There should be no indifferences between the two. Societies will always dictate what happens with our freedoms. And as far as I can see man will always run society.

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