“Everyday Use:” Black Womanism

Provided resources illustrate the social theory and historical linage of every day black women and their extraordinary narratives. Womanism was coined by writer Alice Walker, in her 1979’s “Coming Apart” short story. At an intersection of gender and racial inequality and identities, womanism includes ideas and interpretations of blackness, feminism theory and the everyday, systemic socially economic restraints.

Sources include works of non-fiction and narrative writings to examine various individuality of black womanhood while, also, celebrating the complexities and often-overlooked intimate side of this kind of womanhood.

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