MARGARET MEAD

Born December 16, 1901, in Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, Margaret Mead was an
American anthropologist who focused
her studies on the youth of Oceania. She
wrote several books on how young girls
in different cultures presented sexuality
or were rather conditioned to present it.
Her works were inspirational for others
in the field to question their perceptions
of gender in society.





WHAT IS FEMINISM?

Feminism is an ideology that strives for the equality and inclusion of the sexes, genders, races, and other minority identities.





FEMINISM IN ANTHROPOLOGY



RUTH BENEDICT

Born June 5, 1887, in New York, N.Y., U.S. Ruth Benedict was one of the most influential anthropologists of her time. She focused her studies on cultural anthropology, and more specifically *how* a culture is created. She spent many years studying indigenous tribes in the U.S. for her books on personality in culture.





ZORA NEALE HURSTON

Born January 7, 1891, in Notasulga, Alabama, U.S. Zora Neale Hurston was an American folklorist and activist celebrating African American culture of the South. She is best known for her novel "Their Eyes Were Watching God," which is considered a masterpiece of African American literature. She died in poverty in 1960, and her work fell into obscurity until the 1970s, when a revival of interest in African American literature led to a renewed appreciation of her writing.

WHY FEMINISM IN ANTHROPOLOGY?

Feminism has a significant role in anthropology by challenging and deconstructing the patriarchal biases that have historically shaped the discipline. By prioritizing the voices and experiences of women and highlighting the diversity of their experiences across different cultures and historical periods, feminist anthropology contributes to a more nuanced understanding of human society and culture. The intersectionality of gender with other social differentiations, such as race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality, is examined by feminist anthropologists, providing a more inclusive and equitable understanding of human societies and cultures.

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