

A Room of one's own by Virginia Woolf: Women and gender based violence in literature.

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This Research paper focuses on the themes of gender-based violence and dominance of women writers in the field of literature. *A Room of one's own* by Virginia Woolf represents the financial needs of women and independence in the patriarchal society. Two important things that a woman needs to explore is "a room of one's own" and "proper income". Even though a woman has all the power and knowledge; the society does not allow them to explore their talents to the outer world. Virginia Woolf compares "Judith Shakespeare" in the fictional work, Judith is a talented woman but she was not able to execute herself to the world because of psychological impacts. Even though a woman is willing to explore herself through her writings, she is being dominated by male and Woolf explains about psychological sufferings of a woman. The society's discouragement had made it more challenging for a woman to achieve their desires and it made them to lose confidence. Women were not allowed to get proper education and they were restricted. The main focus of Woolf is on the materialistic impact on women. The main idea of this work discusses about the class, gender and power oppression faced by women in the patriarchal society. Woolf argues that without proper income there is a need for women to always depend on men and this causes lack of independence. Therefore, Virginia Woolf as a feminist writer highlights the problems and struggles of women in the society.

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