



# Exploring Feminism

**Description & Book:** In *You Bring the Distant Near*, Mitali Perkins crafts beautiful stories of self-identity and most poignantly demonstrates that feminism looks different to different women. My program idea is to reinforce the idea that feminism can look different to different people. Many people, especially young people, hear the word feminism and give it a negative connotation. Teens at my library in urban Euclid, OH, at the far eastern end of Cuyahoga County enjoy programming that allows them to have a voice. They prefer social justice programming and programs that promote discussion and opinion. With that in mind, I am suggesting a two-part program series examining feminism more closely. I recommend that this program be executed with students in grades 9-12.

**Materials:** Documentary Film *She's Beautiful When She's Angry* Videos from <https://feminismindia.com>

- *The Life and Times of Phoolan Devi*
- *The Life And Times Of Pandita Ramabai*
- *The Life And Times Of Amrita Sher-Gil*
- *Project Heartland: Documenting Stories Of Dalit Dissent* – parts 2 and 3

**Estimated Cost:** *She's Beautiful When She's Angry* DVD \$22.49

**Prep time:** Pre-screen videos -- 2 hours. If desired, develop questions – varies, 1-2 hours.

## Instructions:

This program series can be hosted before or after students read *You Bring the Distant Near*. It could prepare young adults for the book or serve as supplement to the book discussion.

Session 1: Discuss *You Bring the Distant Near* (if using program after book is read)  
Documentary Film: *She's Beautiful When She's Angry* – 92 minutes  
Discuss film

Session 2: View videos from <https://feminismindia.com> giving students an opportunity to see feminism as it exists in different cultures.

- *The Life and Times of Phoolan Devi* 4:38
- *The Life And Times Of Pandita Ramabai* 1:58
- *The Life And Times Of Amrita Sher-Gil* 1:36
- *Project Heartland: Documenting Stories Of Dalit Dissent* – parts 2 and 3

Discuss videos

Discuss *You Bring the Distant Near* (if using program before the book is read)

## Learning Objective:

- See another culture's traditions
- Learn more about feminism and feminists
- Learn how to make a difference

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