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TOPIC: PRESENTATION OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN ANY TWO WORKS YOU READ IN THIS COURSE.

Gender is the act of being male or female i.e masculinity or feminism while sexuality is the ability to experience sexual feelings to opposite sex, it could be seen as the act of having sexual activites by two individuals of different sex.

In Tartuffe, the role of male and female is seen, the discrimination of the female gender by the male gender is portray in the character of Orgon and his wife elmire. Orgon takes all the decision in the family, he

never cares about the opinion of his wife Elmire. Orgon gave his property to a stranger(Tartuffe) without consulting the wife, forgetting that they both own the properties by the mandate of their matrimonial vows and promise to each other, which makes them to be one body. Arrogance and pride made orgon to give deaf ear to the advice of the wife, even when the wife had a clear evidence that will make the husband to believe her, orgon is still adamant and claims he has the final say, simply because he is the head of the family. No wonder, in our contemporary world, most women tends to be feminist, the feminist in our society today tries to survive without the influence of men and this is because men are taking more than required.

In john pepper clark's wives revolt, the role of the two gender, male and female is vividly seen. Women are subjugated to the kitchen and rearing of children, koko, the wife of okopro receives insult from the husband whenever she delays in preparing meals for him. Okoro never cares about the right of this women, instead he arrogantly makes the women feel inferior and unworthy of living.

In wives revolt, women were not allowed to participate in the political and economical aspect of the community, this is vividly seen when the chiefs sold the land to the white man without giving a penny to the women simply because they are the head of the family. The men selfishly stopped the women from hearing goats to the extent that they started selling the goat which belongs to the women with the reason that this goats constitute nuisance to the community, not minding that the women has no other sources of income whereas subduing this women and making them to succumb to their decisions in family and society as large. In contemporary society, women are still subjugated to the same treatment. In the political affairs of the country, men always take the vital post, and the little position giving to women, men will still try to influence their actions and decision making. The men really discriminate and oppress the women.