

Homework Assignment (approx. 1-1 1/2 pages, typed, double spaced) "Human Rights Not Founded on Sex"(1837)- Angelina Grimke

Select three of the following quotations for discussion from the Grimke essay. Write at least two paragraphs responding to two of the quotations, making connections between the Grimke quotations, other readings and/or contemporary gender issues.

"Now if rights are founded in the nature of our moral being, then *mere circumstance of sex* does not give to man higher rights and responsibilities." (p.1)

"When human beings are regarded as *moral* beings, *sex*, instead of being enthroned upon the summit, administering upon rights and responsibilities, sinks into insignificance and nothingness." (p.1)

"My doctrine then is, that whatever is morally right for man to do, it is morally right for woman to do. Our duties originate, not from difference of sex, but from the diversity of our relations in life..." (p.1)

"I recognize no rights but *human* rights-I know nothing of men's rights and women's rights for in Christ Jesus, there is neither male nor female." (p.3)

"...the present arrangements of society...are *a violation of human rights, a rank usurpation of power*, a violent seizure and confiscation of what it sacredly and inalienable hers..." (p.4)

"...woman has just as much right to sit in solemn counsel...as man...just as much right to it upon the throne of England or in the Presidential Chair of the United States." (p.4)

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