

# Portraying the Pinay



## Womxn in Philippine Literature

# Course overview

“Portraying the Pinay: Womxn in Philippine Literature” will provide an opportunity for us to recover “lost stories” of the women in the Philippines. Filipina women have continually been silenced by men, robbed of their agency to represent themselves in both political and literary contexts. The goal of this course is to examine fiction, short stories, poems, and memoirs to understand female archetypes and sexism developed by colonial powers as well as foster discussions about what it means to be a Filipina woman today and throughout history. What agency do women have in fiction and nonfiction portrayals? Are they the authors, the subjects, or anything and everything in between?

## Course objectives

- Examine textual representations of Filipina women: read texts published in the 19th Century to the present that highlight women’s stories: books, short stories, poems, and memoirs.
- Critique and engage in conversation with multimedia representations of Filipina women by watching films, videos, and documentaries.
- Examine photographs and other visual imagery of Filipina women.
  - Familiarize ourselves with archival practices and visual analysis.
- Decolonize tellings of the Filipina woman and promote women’s rights in the Philippines.

*\*Abbreviated from website version: only includes readings\**

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### I. Archetypes

#### ***Key Questions:***

- 1) *What can archetypes tell us about how women were perceived throughout history?*
- 2) *How has colonialism shaped these archetypes?*
- 3) *How can women be agents in reforming or defying the archetypes? Why is this important?*

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### III. Mother Earth and the Nature of Womanhood

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1) *Three out of the four works presented in this section are written by women. How do their perspectives differ from that of Rodriguez?*

2) *What thematic commonalities do we see throughout all four works?*

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## V. Motherhood

### **Thematic Questions:**

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2) How do these stories interpret the archetypes of the wife, the mother, and perhaps the mistress?

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- 2) *How do children interpret marriage? What are they taught to believe?*
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### Thematic Questions:

- 1) *Why do you think the author chose to focus on childhood as a jumping off point for their societal critiques?*
- 2) *What various articulations do we see of the intricate relationship between femininity, womanhood, identity, and sex?*

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### Thematic Questions:

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- 2) *How do mothers form relationships with their daughters through gender performance?*

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## IX. Race, Class, and Colonial Dynamics

### Thematic Questions:

- 1) *What does it mean to "look" Filipino?*
- 2) *What is the relationship between beauty in the Philippines and colonialism?*
- 3) *How is race in the Philippines a reflection of socioeconomic class?*
- 4) *How does each story situate itself within whiteness and brownness?*
- 5) *All of these stories were written by women. How do each of the authors write about whiteness? What are the similarities and differences?*

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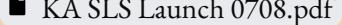
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- 1) *What are the instigators of migration?*
- 2) *How do both stories explore ideas of mobility and permanence?*

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### Thematic Questions:

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- 2) *How is nature utilized as a uniting theme of connecting to one's home?*

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## XII. Loss and Grief

### Thematic Question:

1) *From the literature, what can we gather about attitudes towards loss in the Philippines?*

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## XIII. Memory and Trauma

### **Thematic Questions:**

- 1) *How does subaltern literature approach memory?*
- 2) *What types of memories do the stories explore?*

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