Feminist Literary Theory

Dr. Ferreter-Short Exam

1. Ruth Robbins, Literary Feminisms (This is an introductory survey of feminist literary theory, and a good one)

2. Woolf, A Room of One's Own (and the short essay 'Professions for Women')

3. Gilbert and Gubar, The Madwoman in the Attic

4. Elaine Showalter, A Literature of Their Own

5. Irigaray, This Sex Which is Not One

6. Cixous -- 'The Newly Born Woman' and 'The Laugh of the Medusa'

7. Oliver, ed., The Portable Kristeva

8. Alice Walker, In Search of Our Mother's Gardens

I'm guessing you may have read some of these before. If so, let's substitute in any of the following:

Beauvoir, The Second Sex

Rich, Of Woman Born

Butler, Gender Trouble (where feminism becomes queer theory)

Gillis, Howie and Mumford, Third Wave Feminism