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A Summary of “The Common Ground between Men and Women”

Wendell Berry as a participator but also an observer to search the common ground between men and women. In his view, no one can be the authority of the subject about human sexual. He takes an example that the relationship between men and women which so-called forever love cannot be trusted. Because he thinks this connection defined as forever love not only including sex but also people can transform this into good words or good money. By describing the differentiation of human from nature or eras, the author thinks the differentiation of men and women coincides. He takes some other person’s saying to interpret a human as an individual that she or he has to collaborate. Therefore, who refuses to collaborate in a relationship is simply wrong. He even by describing the conversation about the metaphor of sunflowers to explain conflicts is troublesome but not everything. But a person as a part of human beings, who can be the individual to define the common ground. Next, the author talks about the words “common ground” as a metaphor and he takes the marriage between men and women as an example. By quoting Yeats’ s saying to illustrate the marriages not only a symbol of a legal relationship but also it relates to bodies and minds of men and women. So human beings do not need to experience to inform to survive alone. Also, marriage, kinship, friendship, and neighborhood surround human just are forms of bondage. Sexual things just because the bodies of men and women are physically mutual attraction. He also compares with machines and human that bodies and minds cannot divide. At the end, the author thinks human love only can have a meaning in specific circumstances