# TREATMENT AND ROLE OF WOMEN

In the book women are subjected to harsh working conditions and physical degradation

Women’s fate is controlled by the men, they are often sexually violated.

They are raped in the dungeons, this is shown by Esi who are who is raped by the white man and it is also shown in the novel by Maame, Effia and Esi’s mother who is raped.

Women also have no right to say anything, this is shown when Effia realizes there were slaves being kept in the dungeon, she tries to tell James but, he shuts her.

Women are again discriminated against their burnt scars, (Akua and Yaw)

Women are also unable to find jobs, due to their gender.

Women are starved, abused and their babies taken away, this is shown by the breastfeeding woman whose baby was taken away in the dungeon.

Women are also forced into marriage and have no father figures (Effia, Esi)

Women are loved, this is shown by Effia who is loved by James, Ness who is loved by Sam, Esi who is loved by Big man.

Women are still treated as slaves, even though live with husbands who are leaders, this is shown by Maame who is follows what Big man believes.

# Role of women,

Women are depicted as strong, they are able to endure the mistreatment

Women were supposed to watch over the children and cook for their husbands,

Women were expected to give birth; hence Effia’s lineage depended on motherhood and marriage to better their lives

Women play the role of loving the people in their lives, Maame depicts this by, giving Esi the Blackstone and asking her to run and hide

Esi also loves Abronoma by treating her better than her father, Big Man,

# Treatment of women Today

Women in the present day are treated with respect,

Women have a right hence are not forced into marriage.

Women in this era are appreciated and not discriminated against and their achievements are also noticed

Women in the present age receive ethical treatment, they are valued and hence their dignity is not robbed from them

# Role of Women Today

In the era that we live in things have certainly changed, improved for women, but still at the top of the faces remain stubbornly the male.

They have been huge chances for women in terms of employment, women are not defined by gender so as to get the job.

Still at the government the faces remain male, men are the ones who are believed to lead.

Today, women are believed to be the key to sustainable development and quality of life in the family.

Women love and care for family, their children, husbands and also friends