

Gender norms have told women, as well as men, what role they are supposed to occupy in society. Women specifically are subject to being highly emotional, sometimes considered overdramatic or that women think with their emotions. This has been created through collective consciousness, showing how society has perceived women over the years. The collective consciousness of gender norms for women has also adopted that a woman needs a man to survive or be dependent upon, that women are incapable of providing for themselves or their family. This provides the idea that women are inferior to men, that women aren't as capable and cannot do all the things that men do.

In the reading "Woman as Other" the author shows moments in history where women have been perceived as less than men like when Aristotle said "we should regard women's nature as suffering from natural defectiveness". This shows how women are perceived to be lacking something that men do have just because they aren't built the same way. This reading describes women as the other, that the man is the subject and women are viewed as nothing more than what a man decides she is. Women have been tied to men throughout history, as stated in the reading, whether it's by their house, work, economic interests, or social conditions. This shows how it's a constant struggle for women having to prove their worth and show that women are not subordinate to men. Even if a woman is not directly bonded or tied to a man through things such as marriage, she is still treated inferior to him shown through wages; a woman can have the same exact job as a man and still get paid less. Society has developed this collective consciousness that women are inferior and unworthy because they have hormones and show their emotions. In the reading "The Yellow Wallpaper" the husband is controlling his wife and treating her as though how she feels is invalid, he doesn't believe her when she says she's sick. Throughout this article the woman talks about things she wants to do or that she thinks would help improve her health

controlling of her that she must hide that she's writing because he doesn't like it. This shows how women were having to please men and weren't allowed to do things for themselves that they enjoyed.

The gender concept of women holds them at a disadvantage to men, making them work harder for things and still get treated as less. Women and men learn these gender roles from society and become accustomed to them so it's hard for them to evolve. This collective consciousness society has or women impacts their conception of self through how men view them. Women are constantly struggling with society's beauty standards trying to fit in with them even though they are unrealistic. These standards are created by men because of what they want a woman to look like and act like. Women are conflicted with things whether it be with wearing makeup, body image/ weight, wearing certain clothes, having a career, or husband, and many more. These gender roles make it impossible for a woman to thrive because they are always trying to live up to society's standards.