I believe that women in 5th century BCE in Athens, were portrayed to look as if they had no skill other than being a good housewife. My reasons for thinking this are because in many of the works we have read where females play an “important role” in the story, there is always one word that describes the women and that is beauty. The story always exaggerates their beauty to an astonishing degree. The perception this gives to the reader is that women are weak and only when a man is by their side do they hold some sort of status.

Men in society at this time are portrayed as if they are God’s greatest gift to women. Men’s statuses are always higher as they are portrayed as being able to provide more for the family, in most cases them relying on their strength. One can say women don’t really have their own identity, as their fate is always to end up with being just a housewife whose sole purpose is to reproduce.

Women’s life during 5th century BCE in Athens were definitely full of struggle and hardships as restrictions were most likely placed on what a women is able to do. From the moment of birth, women are trained to be a perfect housewife that is able to fulfill anything requested by the husband.