Prompt: Women’s Role in Society

1. Women in the play

* Juliet
  + 12 yrs old
  + Questioned by her mother about marriage with Paris
    - Does not want to get married but does not completely have a choice
* Lady Capulet
  + Wants her daughter to marry Paris
  + Juliet is at the “right age” because Lady Capulet was also married with Juliet at her age
  + Include evidence here when she mentions getting married at Juliet’s age
* Nurse
  + Wants the best for Juliet but understands that Juliet is expected to have a baby
  + Comments how “women get bigger because of men” – insinuating that they get pregnant because of men – *evidence?*
* Lady Montague
  + Minor role so far, but still plays the role of taking care of the family: her husband and Romeo

1. Overall considered to be objects of sex and taking care of the family

* Juliet is expected marry Paris but she runs to the Friar asking for advice on how to get out of it
  + Paris is there and comments on Juliet’s face being “abused from tears” but her face is now his property
* Get married – have kids – take care of family = PROPERTY

1. Today – jot as extreme but women are still looked upon to have children (cannot do too much about that considering men cannot have children)
   * Women have ran for president
     + Can be managers of a company or a CEO
     + Do not HAVE to get married
     + Pick their own husband and not set up for them by parents