

## Ancient Egyptian Women marriage, wives, and mothers



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## Status

- Women were treated with respect
- Marriage and Family, a major source of delight
- Marriage and offspring, always considered desirable

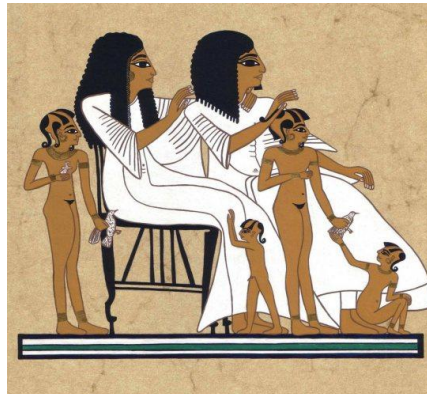


# Ancient Egyptian Marriage

- Social and economic arrangement



- Age at Marriage
- Parents Consent
- Marriage among siblings



- Equal partners in Marriage
- Love and emotional support



- Monogamy; the norm
- Dowry
- Entitled to husband's 1/3 property



- Child bearing
- Mistress of the house
- House hold



## Egyptian Women Rights



## Legal and Economic Rights

- Enjoyed the same legal and economic rights as the Egyptian men
- Kept inheritance from parents
- Equal rights in shared property with husband
- Conducted business at her own

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- Could own and sell property
- Represent or witness in court
- Make a will
- Adopt children



- Go out in public
- Keep their own name
- Hold jobs other than housewives
- Could initiate divorce

## Role of Royal Wives

- Bore many children
- Ensured smooth functioning of the palace
- A Regent
- Passive but visible in Kingdom's affairs

- In new kingdom; queen became very powerful
- Acquired own titles
- "Hatshepsut" became pharaoh



## Egyptian Women as Mothers



## Ancient Egyptian Clothing





## Home Beauty Treatment



## Beauty Secrets



# Ancient Egyptian Hairstyle



## Egyptian Women Mourning at a Grave



## Haircuts in Ancient Egypt



## Ancient Egyptian Clothing



## Ancient Egyptian Jewelry



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