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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