

3.10 Women in the Ancient World

Instructions: Except for a few people, little is known about the lives of individual women from before the modern era (roughly 1750 AD). Imagine three adult women in their twenties from one of the societies listed below. One woman is not free, one is a free woman of moderate means who is either married or unmarried, and the third woman is a member of the elite.

For each woman, your assignment is to write a journal entry where she describes a typical day in her life. If possible, the entry should include references to family, religion, work, food, housing, and the broader community or society. Gather information from your textbook and the Internet.

The women you report on should live in Sumer (circa 3000 BC), Egypt (circa 1500 BC), Kush (circa 1200 BC), Greece (circa 400 BC), China (circa 100 AD), India (circa 350 AD), or the Yucatan (circa 600 AD).