

# The Role of Women In Ancient Rome

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## Introduction To Ancient Rome

The role of women was rather stable in Ancient Rome. Nothing much changed for them throughout most of this period in terms of rights. They didn't have the exact same rights as men, but compared to the rest of the ancient world, this was the most equal men and women had been.

## Major Point 1

- Women were nearly seen as equals in Ancient Rome.
- Ancient Rome was probably the best place for women in the ancient world.
- Within Ancient Rome, women were nearly allowed all the right that men were.
- There were still differences in power and rights.

## Major Point 2

- In Ancient Roman civilization, society was patriarchal, which means that men were the leaders of the household and the community.
- Rich, aristocratic men were usually members of the government
- The farming and the craftsmanship were often left to the poor men in the community.

## Differences in Life



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## Major Point 3

- In Ancient Rome, women were expected to be a good wife and mother.
- Women were expected to take care of the household and the children.
- Of course, women influenced politics through the men they were with.

## Major Point 4

- Women had the power to vote, own property, divorce, and other "public" rights.
- This could only happen if the female had a Guardian who allowed permission.
- Of course, this might not have applied to women in power.

## Conclusion

Even as things began to change near the end of the era of Ancient Rome, the power of women still seemed to be stable or, in some cases, even growing.