

ACTIVITY ideas: The Role of Women

Do Some Research

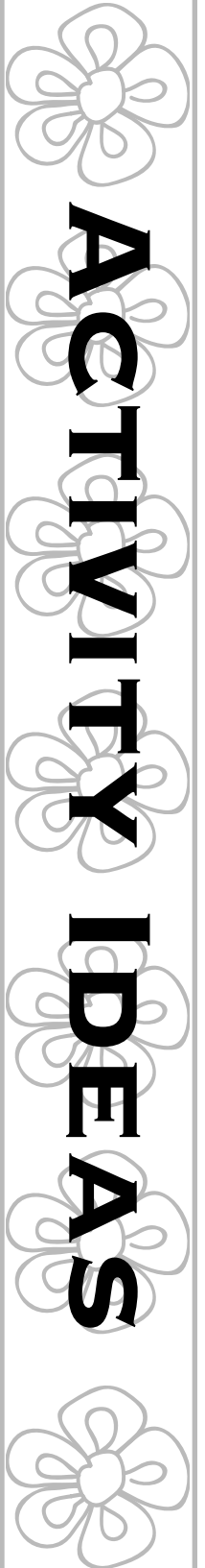
(Subject Areas: *Social Studies, Research Skills*)

Students could use a copy of Hammurabi's Laws (hah-moor-RAH-bee) to discover what rights women did - and did not - have in ancient Mesopotamia. They could then do research to compare the lives of women in Mesopotamia with the roles and social status of women in ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, or the ancient Americas. They could also find out when women in the United States became legally able to buy and sell land, own a business, serve on a jury, and vote.

Take a Field Trip

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Some natural history museums, and some history museums of early American life, demonstrate how cloth was made in the days before modern factories. Such demonstrations often show how wool and linen fabrics were produced, starting with the sheep or the flax plant and going all the way through spinning fibers and weaving those fibers into cloth. These processes, usually performed by women, changed little from ancient times to pre-industrial America. In Chicago, such demonstrations are offered at the Chicago Historical Society. Call the Historical Society at (312) 642-4600 for more information.



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