

Women of the Ancient World

Egypt: Pharaohs and Physicians

Comprehension Questions



Watch the video carefully, and complete the comprehension questions and activities.

1. Egyptians believed that there were gods of both _____ and that balance was given by the _____ deity Maat, who symbolized cosmic _____.

2. Egyptian women enjoyed many freedoms under the law, so most led independent lives.

True

False

3. Name four activities that most women did in the house.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

4. Free wives in the higher classes were often known by:

- a) their father's name.
- b) their father's job.
- c) their husband's name.
- d) their husband's job.

5. Who was Merit Ptah?

6. Name three recorded occupations of Egyptian women that would have required years of dedicated study.

- _____
- _____
- _____

7. Explain the term “matrilineal descent.”

8. If a _____ died while his son was very young, the boy’s _____ would often rule as _____, stepping down once the child was old enough.

9. The first female pharaoh may have been:

- a) Merit Ptah.
- b) Sobekneferu.
- c) Hatshepsut.
- d) Cleopatra.

10. Cleopatra came from a Greek family and was not actually Egyptian.

True False