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# Social Norms and Gender Roles in Medieval England



The life of women in medieval England was deeply influenced by social \_\_\_\_\_ . These norms dictated that most women should focus on domestic tasks. In rural areas, \_\_\_\_\_ worked alongside men in the fields, but their labor was often undervalued. Women of higher \_\_\_\_\_ could own land, yet their rights were limited compared to men. Marriages were usually arranged to strengthen \_\_\_\_\_ and increase family wealth. The church played a significant role in shaping attitudes towards \_\_\_\_\_ , promoting the idea that women were weaker and should be submissive to men. Education for \_\_\_\_\_ was rare, and literacy rates among them were significantly lower than among \_\_\_\_\_ . Despite these restrictions, some women excelled in managing \_\_\_\_\_ and trade. They could influence local politics through their husbands or sons. Occasionally, women like \_\_\_\_\_ of Norwich gained renown through religious and intellectual \_\_\_\_\_ , writing influential texts. Overall, the medieval period placed many constraints on \_\_\_\_\_ , but they found ways to navigate and sometimes overcome these \_\_\_\_\_ .

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