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The Work of Women in the Middle Ages



In medieval England, _____ played a crucial role in society. They were responsible for managing the _____, which included cooking, cleaning, and caring for children. Women in the countryside worked alongside men in the _____, helping with planting and harvesting crops. In towns, some women engaged in _____ like baking, brewing, or weaving. Wealthier women might spend their time managing estates or engaging in _____ and needlework.

Marriage was a significant aspect of a woman's life. Most marriages were arranged, and women often had little say in the _____. Once married, a woman's primary role was to produce _____ and manage domestic affairs. In noble families, women could wield considerable influence through their husbands or sons.

Religion played a central role in everyone's life. Women, especially those from the upper classes, might spend time praying or working on _____ texts. Some women chose to become nuns, dedicating their lives to the _____ and education.

Despite these roles, women in medieval England had limited _____. They could not vote, hold public office, or own property independently once married. However, widows could gain some _____, often running businesses or managing property. The lives of women varied greatly depending on their _____ class and marital status. Regardless, their contributions were vital to the functioning of medieval English society, even though these were often _____ by contemporary standards.

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