

WOMEN IN TRADITIONAL AFRICAN SOCIETY

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WOMEN EQUALITY IN TRADITIONAL AFRICAN SOCIETY

- Women had equal opportunities as males
- They had similar roles in traditional African Society
- They were seen as important leaders in politics and within the community



WOMEN ROLES IN TRADITIONAL AFRICAN SOCIETY

- Women occupied a many ranks within the community.
- Women held support groups to help each other get leadership roles.
- Some women had the title of being Queen Mothers
- The Queen Mothers's main job is to oversee male rulers and serve as a co-leader.



NIGERIAN WOMEN IN TRADITIONAL AFRICA

- Nigerian women were known for being strong and intelligent within the society
- Queen Amina of Zaria is a great example of powerful Nigerian women during the traditional Africa era.
- She was known to have built many cities in Nigeria and was a skilled merchant
- Women of the Igbo and Ibibio tribe had control of their daily activities because of their political and economic strength.
- They were also known to have leadership groups to support their strength.



QUEEN MOTHERS OF GHANA

- Queen Mothers are seen as powerful leaders within the community
- The main role the Queen Mothers have is to give moral guide to the community while also being active in politics.
- Queen Mothers rule alongside the chief
- Queen Mothers have the power to correct the chief if he is out of line
- They have the power in electing a new chief.



PROBLEMS FACED BY WOMEN IN TRADITIONAL AFRICAN SOCIETY

- Women faced inequality and sexism as colonization was in effect
- Women were stripped from their leadership roles as colonizers saw them not as equal as men
- The same women groups were also suppressed and led to a lack of women leadership



WOMEN FIGHTING BACK AGAINST OPPRESSION

- African Women were not willing to give up their power easily
- Nigerian women for example fought against these oppressions
- They came up with various methods to fight against authority

