

Clothing in Ancient Egypt



CLOTHING IN ANCIENT EGYPT

- ✘ We know about what the Egyptians wore from writing, wall paintings and sculptures.
- ✘ Children in Egypt did not wear clothes until they were about 6; after that they wore the same clothes as adults.
- ✘ Most clothing was made from linen, which could be decorated with beads, embroidery and dyes.



MEN AND BOYS - POOR

- ✖ Most clothes were made from linen made from flax
- ✖ Men wore a loincloth (a bit like a skirt).
- ✖ These sometimes had a belt.
- ✖ The design of these changed through the ages.



MEN AND BOYS - RICH

- ✖ They would sometimes wear a shirt
- ✖ They wore make-up, jewellery and headdresses for special occasions.
- ✖ The pharaoh also wore animal skins such as leopard over their shoulders as a sign of wealth.



WOMEN AND GIRLS

- ✖ Women wore linen dresses with one or two shoulder straps. These often had pleats or folds.
- ✖ Rich women would wear dresses decorated with beads and feathers for special occasions.
- ✖ They would also wear jewellery, head-dresses and make-up.



SHOES

- ✖ Ancient Egyptians went barefoot most of the time.
- ✖ For special occasions, men and women wore sandals made of plaited reeds.



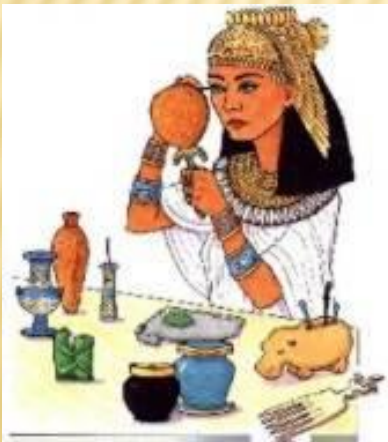
JEWELLERY

- ✖ Men and women wore jewellery because they thought it made them look pleasing to the gods.
- ✖ In addition to iron, gold and gemstones, archaeologists believe that some jewellery was even made from fragments of meteorite!
- ✖ Amulets were worn for good luck.



MAKE UP

- ✖ Rich Egyptians wore make up. They would use green or blue mineral powder as eye shadow, and would use a dye called henna to redden their lips and nails.
- ✖ A black eyeliner called Kohl was also worn to deflect the sun's glare and prevent eye infections.





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robes called kalasiris

belt

jewellery

reed sandals

