

# Women in the 17th Century



## Roles in Society:

Women was strictly domestic. They lived under the supervision of the a male figure. They had the options of two life paths: monastic life. Women of upper classes were monitored more strictly: their actions affected their husbands.

## Workplace:

They had limited job possibilities.

Most common job was domestic servant.

Others were midwives and apothecaries.

Women could NOT be doctors, lawyers, nor teachers



## Differences in social class:

Initially, only upper class women were highly educated.

Towards the end of the century, boarding schools were made throughout towns

Girls were taught music, writing, and needlework

