

## **Roman women had more freedom than Athenian women:**

- managed household (so did Athenians)
- limited ability to be in politics
- inherit property
- speak at public gatherings; allowed opinions
- educated (seperately from males, but sometimes more educated)
- literate

## **Roman attitudes re:**

### **Education**

- slaves sometimes more educated
- boys and girls
- everyone educated (schools for plebs)

### **Plebeians**

- could be educated
- social mobility; could break out of class (marriage/wealth)

### **Health**

- public baths
- men healthier (rich & poor)

### **Social Services**

- free schooling for pleb. kids
- grain & wine distribution for men only

## **Divorce**

- easier for men
- fathers could make daughters get divorced (business)
- due to female infertility (no belief in male infertility) or female adultery

## **Slavery**

- may be educated
- could become free (age 30; earlier with permission; bought)