

- 11 Assess the impact that ONE change has had on ONE tradition in a country you have studied.

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Traditionally in Japanese society men and women had equal status and similar gender roles. Women worked alongside men in agricultural roles and had the right to inherit property and ~~control~~ ^{possessed} parental authority.

However pre World War Two under the control of the feudal government system, the Shogunate, the status of women declined especially for women of the upper class. Women received unequal status to men, were declined the right to vote, most women did not have the power to choose a spouse but were rather forced into marriage by their family. All decision making was performed by the men in a woman's life, this gave men the power and authority. Another area where traditional roles changed was a mother's parental authority. Under control of the new government women's ~~authority~~ ^{status} declined even more when they were given very little authority over their children. Although women of the lower class still worked on the farms they were granted lesser pay for equal work.