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World Civilization

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All levels of society, from the elite class to the working class and an individual life to an entire community, have been affected by evolutionary change. Since the start of the Agrarian world, industrial growth has caused the way we live in today's world to look and function very differently. Basic activities, communications and cultures from the Agrarian world were in contrast with most of today's patterns.

The fundamental patterns of reproduction and family roles were formed by the many differences between the Agrarian era and the modern world. In most Agrarian areas, the mother and child's health was at risk due to the poor nutrition of the people in the Agrarian world, which also increased newborn mortality rates. Contrary to today's world where there is adequate access to healthcare and proper nutrition, most people in the Agrarian world only lived to be in their mid-thirties or mid-forties because they did not . Due to the challenges of labor, older women and family and friends helped in childbirth. Men were not allowed to be present during childbirth, contrary today.

The reasons for starting a family in the agrarian world were very different from those in the modern world. For example, families started having children as early as three years old to help with farming. These days, parents rarely have children for labor-related reasons, and

children cannot legally start working until they are sixteen. Marriage in the Agrarian world was set up by families when they were as young as teens, and new couples lived in larger extended households and focused on a family.

Unlike the workplace today, where trade markets were considered as the sphere of men, women were expected to do domestic tasks in their homes. Throughout the Agrarian era, it was usual for people to work at the same job for the rest of their lives, unlike today, when most people work at multiple jobs during their careers. In the agrarian society, retirement was not something that was experienced like it is today. As people aged, they were no longer able to work hard, but they continued to aid their adult children, who served as their security system.