



As Rome evolved into an empire, however, things started to slowly change. While they still had few political freedoms, women were allowed to speak more openly at home with their husbands. While still rare, it became more common for women to own land, run businesses, and even have their own slaves.

Did you know that in Rome's early history, women were not allowed to drink wine?

A husband would kiss his wife's lips to see if they tasted sweet. If they did, she could be severely beaten!

