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## Purpose

## The experiences of women in medieval Europe and Song Dynasty China varied greatly, but they also shared some characteristics. In this activity, you’ll preview this lesson’s content by taking some guesses about which of the statements below are about women’s lives in Europe, China, or both.

## Process

1. Take a few minutes to read each of the statements below and write whether you think it’s about women in medieval Europe, China, or both.
2. Once everyone is finished taking their guesses, share your answers with the class.

* Elite women oversaw the household, including family and servants.

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* Women could inherit and own property if they did not have brothers or sons.

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* Women’s lives were influenced primarily by Confucian and Buddhist philosophies.

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* Women’s lives were influenced primarily by either Christianity or Judaism.

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* Women of the middle and lower classes generally worked outside the home or in the family business but were also expected to take care of the children and household.

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* Women who became nuns and lived in convents generally had more rights, better access to education, and more power over their lives.

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