

Activity 4: Hammurabi’s Code: How does it reflect Babylonian society?

Student Name _____ Date _____

Group 5 The Status of Women

Begin by reading the essay [The Role of Women](#) from EDSITEMent-reviewed web resource [The Oriental Institute: The University of Chicago](#) read the three paragraphs from the words “The Mesopotamian woman’s role was strictly defined” to “He also gave her family money and other presents.”

After reading precepts 108, 134, 138, 148, and 150 of [Hammurabi’s Code](#) at the Edsitement-reviewed [Avalon Project](#), answer the following questions:

1. Which precepts support ideas expressed in the excerpt from the [The Role of Women](#)? In what way?

2. What new information about women was revealed in the precepts?

3. What precept indicates whether men or women had more power? Explain your answer.

4. What precepts indicate that women could own property or a business? Explain your answer.
