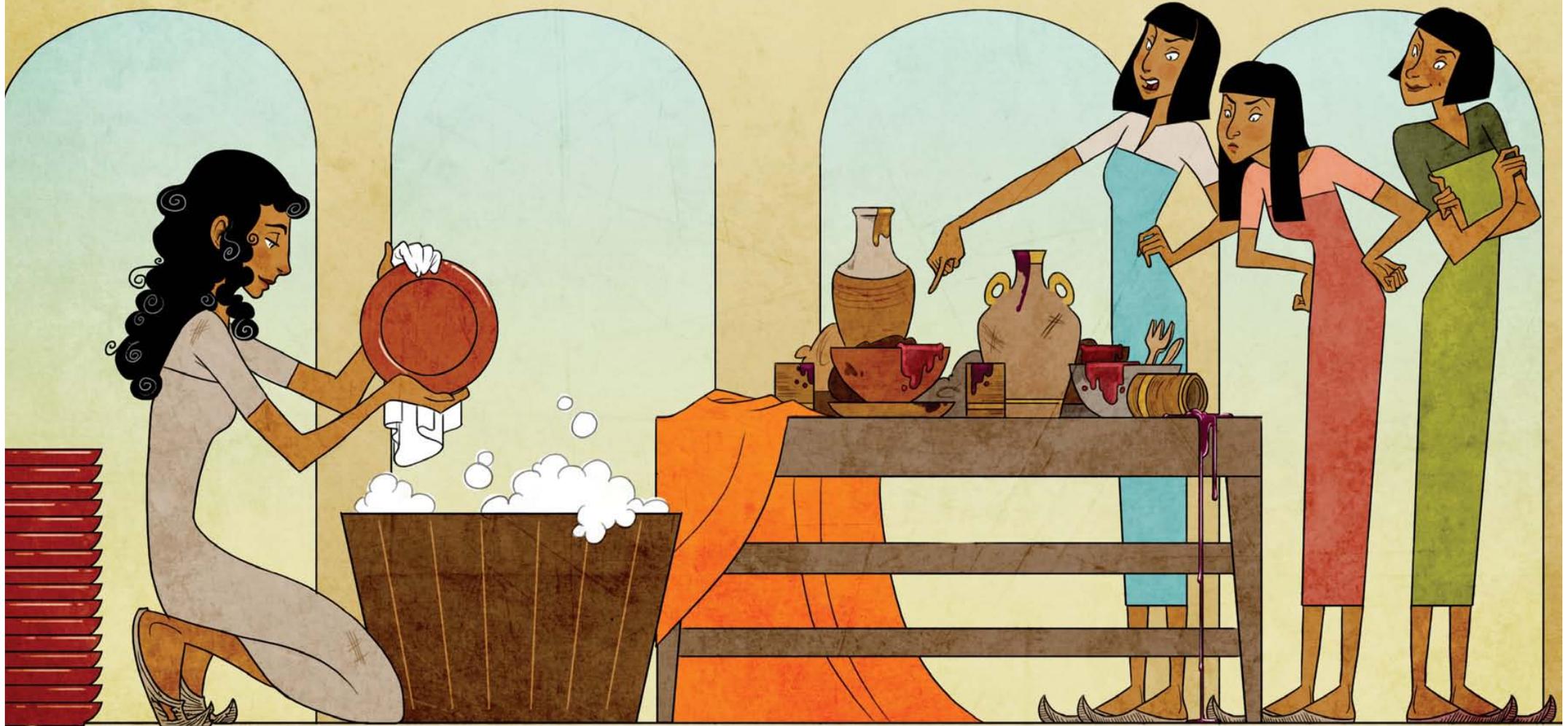


Long ago in Egypt, a servant named Rhodopis worked in the home of a rich man. None of the other servants in the house liked Rhodopis.

Rhodopis was kind and good, but the other servants were cruel to her.

They made Rhodopis do all of the chores. At dinner, she always ate alone. Then she washed all of the servants' dishes.

After dinner, she took out the trash.



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Facts About Chores Then and Now

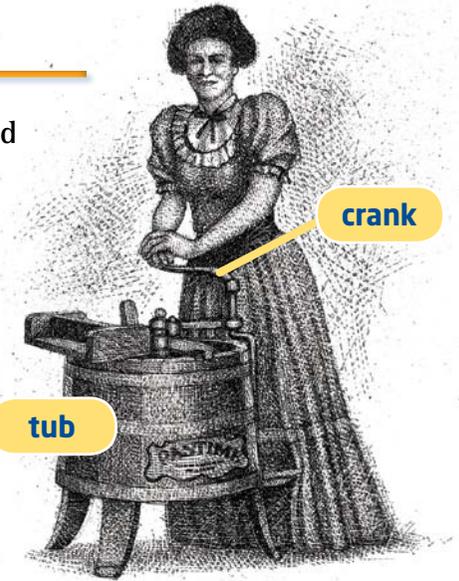
The way people do certain chores has changed over time. Some chores that took a lot of time and effort in the past are much easier and quicker today. This is because we now have modern machines to help with the chores. Washing clothes is an example of a chore that is much easier today than it was in the past.

For thousands of years, washing clothes took a great deal of time and effort. People washed their clothes by hand in rivers or in tubs of water. They rubbed the clothes on rocks or on boards to get the dirt out.



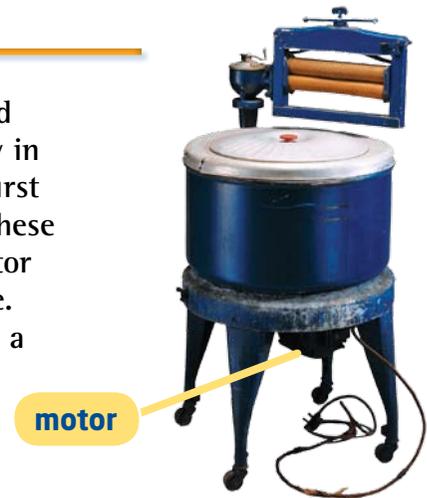
1800s

The first washing machines started to appear by the 1800s. These early machines had tubs. People put water, soap, and clothes in the tubs and turned a crank. The crank moved the clothes inside the tub to get the dirt out of the clothes.



1900s

Turning a crank was still hard work. So in 1908, a company in the United States made the first electric washing machines. These machines had an electric motor that moved the clothes inside. People no longer had to turn a crank to wash their clothes.



Today

Over time, washing machines worked faster and better. Today, modern washing machines make doing the wash very fast and easy.

