



Children wearing modern copies of clothes worn by Charles William and his wife Joan

The clothes worn by men and women reflected their status in society.

Clothes were worn in layers.

For example, women wore:

- undergarments
- stockings
- shoes
- a bodice and a petticoat
- an apron
- a dress or skirt and bodice
- an over cloak, hat and gloves

Men wore:

- undergarments
- a linen shirt
- breeches
- stockings
- boots
- long jacket
- cloak, hat and gloves

Poor people often had only one set of clothes which were worn until they were threadbare. Rich people's clothes were made of silk and fine wool ornamented with lace, ribbons and fur. Rich people could afford several sets of clothes which would be used as everyday wear, Sunday best and special occasion outfits.

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1. Study the pictures of farmer, William Phillips, the labourer with tools and the clothes of Charles William and his wife Joan.

List 5 differences in their clothes:

- 1. 4.
- 2. 5.
- 3.

2. Discuss how practical the clothes are and answer the questions:

- a. Which words describe the farmer's clothes: tight / loose / cheap / expensive
- b. Which words describe Charles Williams' clothes: fussy / plain / restricting / loose
- c. How do you think these clothes were made in the 1600s?

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Give your reasons for this answer:

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