

A long time ago in Egypt, a servant named Rhodopis worked in a rich man's home. 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 housework. At dinner, she always ate alone. Then, she did all of the servants' washing up.

After dinner, she took out the rubbish.



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# Facts About Household Jobs Then and Now

The way people do certain household jobs has changed over time. Some jobs 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 housework. Washing clothes is an example of a household job 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.



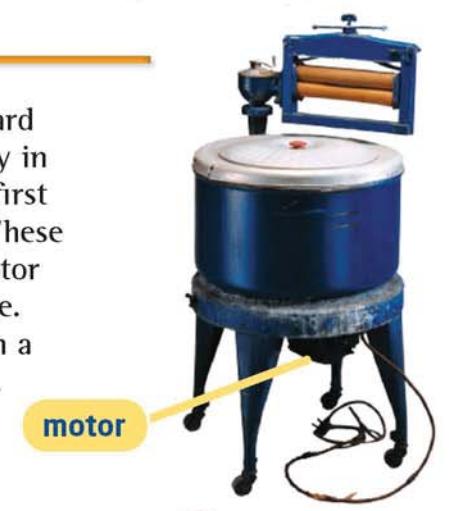
## 1800s

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 handle. The handle moved the clothes inside the tub to get the dirt out of the clothes.



## 1900s

Turning a handle 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 handle to wash their clothes.



## Today

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

