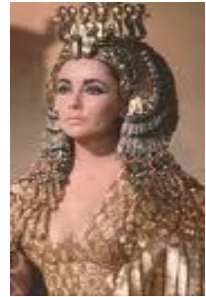




## Intermediate 1 ( I – 1 ) Beauty & Fashion



Article 5: Wigs that are 3 feet high

### [Wigs that are 3 feet high](http://didyouknow.org/wigs-that-are-3-feet-high/)

In 1500 B.C. in Egypt women shaved their head as the ultimate display in beauty. Remaining hair was removed with special gold **tweezers** and then their scalps were **buffed** to a high sheen with soft cloths. Over the next 100 years the rich Egyptian women placed cones of scented grease on their heads, allowing the **grease** to melt and drip down over their bodies, bathing bodies and clothes in fragrance. The exact opposite would be in practice by the 18th century in England when women's wigs were sometimes 3 ft (1 meter) high. The wigs were **dusted** with flour and decorated with stuffed birds, fruit, **replicas of gardens**, or even model ships. Women would wear the wigs continuously for several months. They were **matted** with **lard** to keep them from coming apart, which made mice and insects a constant problem, leading to the spreading of **skin lice** in the upper classes. When a hair-powder tax was introduced in 1795, the wig **craze** disappeared abruptly.

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Vocabulary:

1. Tweezers- a hand tool for holding consisting of a compound lever for grasping
2. Buffed- to polish to make it shiny
3. Sheen- the visual property of something that shines with reflected light
4. Grease- A thick fatty oil (especially one used to lubricate machinery)
5. Wig- Hairpiece covering the head and made of real or synthetic hair
6. Dusted- to cover or rub off powdery materials such as dry earth
7. Replica- copy that is not the original; something that has been copied
8. Matted- not reflecting light; not glossy
9. Lard- a soft white semisolid fat obtained by rendering the fatty tissue of the hog
10. Lice- wingless usually flattened bloodsucking insect parasitic on warm-blooded animals
11. Craze- a strong interest to follow

Let's Talk !

What is the correct or moral way for you to display ultimate beauty?

Why do you think of all body parts Egyptians chose to alter/ change the women's hair?  
If you were to be born in ancient times, would it be okay with you if you're ordered to shave your head?