

# Marriage



What? Who? Why? Where? How?  
Past . Present . Future

# Why Marry?



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# In the Season of Marriage, a Question. Why Bother?



1. Why does the author feel that marriage could be considered less necessary these days?
2. What percentage of Americans do demographers think will marry at some point in their life?
3. What does Cherlin say are the reasons why people marry today? Keep adding to this answer as you read through the article.
4. Most North Americans are marrying at a later age. Out of all the demographics though, who does Cherlin say is putting off marriage the longest and why?
5. How does the connection between marriage and children differ between demographics?
6. How has the role of marriage in the scheme of things developmentally changed over the last several decades?

# Defining Marriage



- ∞ is a socially legitimate sexual union that begins with a public announcement of some idea of permanence, and is assumed with a more or less explicit contract (Schlesinger & Gibbon, 1984 as cited by Holloway, Holloway & Witt, 2010)
- ∞ the point is to differentiate it from other couple situations that might be less permanent or more casual
- ∞ the term contract is in reference to the idea that marriage implies a socio cultural understanding about the rights and responsibilities of individuals within that relationship

# More Terminology



- ❧ Conjugal Union  
Living together in a sexual relationship
- ❧ Common Law Couple  
Living together as a couple who are not legally married but have the same rights and responsibilities afforded married couples (with the exception of marriage for some same sex couples who do not have that right or privilege)
- ❧ Same Sex Couple  
A couple in a conjugal relationship that is either married or common law with two members of the same sex
- ❧ Couple  
Any or all of the above

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Historical Background? Who? Ages?  
Customs? Legalities? Rights & Responsibilities?

# Home Groups



A	Alexis	Justin	Haylie	Jordan	Dana	Lynda
B	Alex P	Damian	Taylor	Alex D	Eli	Hayley
C	Cody	Kalcie	Robbie	Kelsey	Marlea	

# Expert Groups



1. Ancient Hebrew
2. Ancient Rome
3. Middle Ages
4. Protestant Reformation
5. Early Canada for First Nations
6. European Contact
7. 19<sup>th</sup> Century Canada
8. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Canada
9. Contemporary Marriages & Couple Relationships
10. Demographic Trends in Couple Relationships



# Wedding Logistics



A wedding a...

- ∞ legal procedure to bind a couple together and provide legal status, rights and protections to the couple
- ∞ social ritual or ceremony where the couple is supported by their friends, family and community