

WHAT TIES REPRESENT?

1. **GREATNESS.** Neckties have always symbolized nobility, honor, and order. Originating in 17th century Europe, Croatian mercenaries serving in France were the first to wear knotted neckerchiefs to signal their position and alliances. King Louis XIV of France admired the neckwear so much, he began wearing ties as a status style item.

2. **CONFIDENCE.** Ties signal capability. In the same way that glasses make you look smart (whether or not you are), ties make you look influential (whether you actually have a job or not). People operate on their perceptions. If you wear a tie with absolute confidence, those around you will assume you possess certain qualities and abilities.

3. **CAREER.** Ties always mark professionalism. Even if you work in a casual office, a tie can only enhance your presentation. Impress your boss and colleagues by being the guy who puts a little more effort into his look by wearing a modern tie, like a skinny tie.

4. **LOOKS GOOD.** Let's not pretend here. Looking good should be the #1 answer to the question "why wear a tie?" Nothing says sharp-dressed like a carefully selected necktie. You'll want to <u>pick a width</u> that suits your body type, of course. People who dress well are often catered to more-that's a fact of life, whether we like it or not.

5. **THE EXTRA MILE.** Ties tend to measure a little under 60 inches, so if you were to scale that out according to the respect barometer, they really go a long way. Who would've thought that a relatively small piece of fabric would make such a big impact? Well, the King of France actually. And countless noblemen, soldiers, founders, and CEOs after him.

WHAT GIRLS IN PEARLS REPRESENTS?

- 1. What does a pearl symbolize? Pearls are the ultimate symbol for wisdom. Valued for their calming effects, pearls represent serenity, while being able to strengthen valuable relationships and convey a sense of safety. Pearls also symbolize purity, as well as integrity and loyalty.
- 2. What is the spiritual meaning of pearls? Pearls represent wisdom gained through experience. The gems of the sea are believed to offer protection to the wearer, as well as attract good luck and wealth. Moreover, pearls speak of the wearer's purity and integrity.
- **3.** The **pearl** is a symbol of perfection and incorruptibility; it is a symbol of long life and fertility, and because of its luster it is often considered a MOON symbol. Buried within the OYSTER shell, the **pearl** represents hidden knowledge, and it is highly feminine.

The Myths of the Almighty Pearl

There are numerous folktales and myths that surround the precious gem of the sea. Some of the ancient pearl myths seem really far-fetched. But, they do symbolize just how important these gems were to ancient civilizations. Here are some of the ancient myths about pearls:

- 1. Ancient Japanese Legend During ancient times, the Japanese believed that the tears of mythical creatures created pearls. Some of these creatures include, but are not limited to, nymphs, mermaids, and angels.
- Ancient Persian Legend According to one Persian pearl myth, the gems were created after a storm. That's when a rainbow came down from the sky and met with the earth. Lightning and thunder were said to be the reasons for the pearl's imperfections.
- 3. Ancient Egyptian Legend During ancient times, Egyptians were buried with their pearls after they died because they valued you them so much. The myth from this era that's most famous involves Cleopatra, the famous ruler of Egypt. Legend has it that she took the gem from one of her pearl earrings. She then dissolved it and drank it! Supposedly, this was done to show Roman politician Mark Antony that the entire nation's wealth could be devoured in one, single gulp.
- 4. Ancient Chinese Legend Black pearls were very symbolic during early Chinese civilization. They were symbolic of wisdom. People believed the gems were formed inside the head of a dragon. Once they were fully grown, the dragon carried them between its teeth. According to the myth, a person could only gather the pearls by slaying the dragon to death.

The Myths Behind Pearls & Religion

There are pearl myths that relate to all time periods. Some go all the way back to the days of Adam and Eve in Paradise. According to legends, the couple cried deeply after God cast them out of the Garden of Eden. Their tears created a lake of pearls.

It was believed that Eve's tears created the <u>white pearls</u>, while Adam's tears created the black pearls. Furthermore, it's also said that Adam shed less tears than Eve did because men control their emotions better than women. Supposedly, this explains why <u>black pearls</u> are so rare.